

The Cumberland News

43 Saved After Ship Wreck

Decision To Trim U.S. Forces In Korea Stirs GI Speculation

Holiday Weekend Violent Death Toll Passes 600 Mark

(By The Associated Press)

The toll of violent deaths over the Christmas holiday mounted to 602 late Sunday with but a few hours remaining of the three-day period.

Since 6 p.m. (local time) Thursday 450 persons have perished in traffic accidents across the country. Another 73 lives were lost in fires and 79 persons died in miscellaneous mishaps.

California led the traffic slaughter with 34 dead. Thirty died on New York streets and highways, while Ohio accounted for 26.

The National Safety Council had predicted at least 510 would die in traffic mishaps before the holiday period closed at midnight Sunday.

Ike Aide Denies 'Real Recession' Has Hit Country

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A White House spokesman today rejected the view that business has slumped seriously, and declared President Eisenhower next month will unfold to Congress his program for averting any depression.

Gabriel Hauge, economic assistant to Eisenhower, clashed in informal debate with Sen. Douglas (R-Ill.), who last week declared that a "real recession" already afflicts the country.

During the radio-TV debate today (NBC's American Forum of the Air) Douglas repeated that a recession "undoubtedly" is in progress. He said the administration should be moving both to cut taxes and to sponsor public works including slum clearance, low-income housing, and school and highway construction.

Economy Tamed Excellent

Hauge said that, while sales and output have dropped in some industries, the total economy is in excellent shape. He added:

"We can still look pretty optimistically on the business situation this year and the outlook for next year."

The administration is aware that the direction of the trend is significant, Hauge said, and has been preparing plans for use if the forces of recession "begin to cumulate," in a concerted downward movement. Eisenhower will deal with the problem in his State of the Union, economic, and budget messages to Congress next month, Hauge said.

'Effective' Tax Program Seen

He said the presidential messages will picture "a sincere attempt to further the interest of an expanding economy, within the confines of the tremendous expenditures which must be made for defense and related purposes."

Hauge predicted that Eisenhower's tax program will be "the most effective thing that can be done in the short run to get things under control." But he said he could not divulge the content of the messages in advance.

The debate coincided with the opening of four-day annual meetings by ten economic and statistical organizations here. Many of the delegates attended the televised broadcast and some took part in the debate.

Four Persons Found Dead In Mired Auto

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27 (AP)—Two men and two women were found dead today in an auto mired in the mud of a south Richmond field.

Dr. G. T. Mann, Virginia's chief medical examiner, said a preliminary examination indicated the four died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Police identified the four as Mrs. Elizabeth May Pierce, 48; her sister, Miss Eula Ann Durrette, 41; Joseph W. Benton, 36; and his nephew, Earl C. Branner, 31. All four had Richmond addresses.

Detectives said tire marks showed the car had been driven into the field from the highway and apparently, in the darkness, the driver did not see the mud hole.

Bevan Heads For Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—British Laborite Aneurin Bevan took off today by Comet jetliner for a much criticized tour of Egypt. With him went his wife, Jenny Lee, a leading member of the Bevanite group in Parliament.

Eisenhower's Plan Hit By ROK Officials

SEOUL, Monday, Dec. 28 (AP)—President Eisenhower's announced plan to reduce U. S. military forces in Korea, with two divisions to be withdrawn "soon," stirred enthusiastic speculation today among the soldiers but was received with undisguised displeasure by South Korean officials.

"I could jump through the ceiling if I thought it meant I would be going home sooner," was the typical reaction voiced by Pfc. Louis G. Sheeps, of Lock Haven, Pa.

In a more reserved reaction, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commander of the U. S. Army forces in Korea, said "It may be safely assumed that the departure of these divisions will not take place immediately."

Time Spent In Korea Factor

The general also said the withdrawals would not affect men with considerable time to serve in Korea. Such men will be transferred from the designated divisions to other outfits in favor of men whose tours are about over. Speculation was particularly strong in the U. S. 25th Div. with the soldiers asking, "Could it be us?"

The 25th has been in Korea longer than any other division. The 24th was the first Army division to see action in the war. The 1st Cavalry came in almost at the same time. But the 24th and 1st Cavalry since have spent much time in Japan while the 25th has remained in Korea.

ROK Officials Displeased
Saturday the commander of U. S. Army Forces in the Pacific said at Honolulu he believed one of the two withdrawn divisions would be stationed in Hawaii.

Officials in the government of South Korean President Syngman Rhee, who frowns on the current truce and favors resumption of the war against the Reds, criticized Eisenhower's announced plan.

Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai said it would weaken the republic's position and indicated he felt South Korean troops were not ready to step into the gap.

President Limits Imports Of Oats

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 27 (AP)—President Eisenhower, acting to protect American producers, today limited imports of oats into the United States from non-Canadian sources to 2,500,000 bushels from Dec. 23, 1953, to Sept. 30, 1954.

The move supplements an earlier agreement which restricts shipments of oats from Canada to this country to 20,000,000 bushels during the period Dec. 10, 1953, to next Sept. 30.

Eisenhower's action affecting non-Canadian sources—primarily imports from Argentina—came shortly after the President and the first lady attended at the Sunday school chapel of the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The President arrived here Christmas Day from Washington for 10 days of work on a series of early January messages to Congress and a television and radio report to the nation on his administration's program thus far.

Adenauer Sees Parley

BONN, Germany, Dec. 27 (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer predicted today the Western Big Three will accept Russia's proposal for a Big Four foreign ministers' conference in Berlin Jan. 25 or later instead of Jan. 4.

Rats, Kangaroos Suggested As Possible Food Sources

BOSTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Cornell scientist suggested today that rats and kangaroos be investigated as possible new sources of food for man.

And, rabbits definitely should be used more widely for food than they now are, said Prof. S. A. Aspell in a report to the 120th meeting of the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science, (AAAS) the world's biggest general science conclave.

Saying that man now utilized only a very few species of animals for food—and is confronted with problems in raising them efficiently—the physiologist asserted:

"Looking ahead, perhaps we should insure for the future by inquiring into the efficiency of some of the more rapidly reproducing species . . ."

"Kangaroos, rats and rabbits are suggested as sources of animal



HEADS N. Y. POLICE—Francis W. H. Adams, (above), 50, has been selected by Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner, Jr., as police commissioner of New York City. Adams will head one of the largest police departments in the world, employing more than 20,000 persons to enforce law and order in a city of more than 8,000,000 people.

NNRC Transmits Two Conflicting Reports On POWs

PANMUNJOM, Monday, Dec. 28 (AP)—Two conflicting versions of what wrecked "come home" explanations to prisoners of war will be forwarded today to the U.N. and Communist Commands by the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission.

One version will bear the signature of the Polish, Czech and Indian members of the supervisory commission. The other will set forth the Swedish and Swiss views.

Contents Not Released

In a 90-minute session Sunday, the NNRC voted to transmit both reports. Their contents were not released by the commission and a spokesman for India, chairman of the group, said none was likely today. It appeared the first release would come either from the U.N. Command or Red China's radio.

The explanations were ended officially Dec. 23 by a 3-2 vote of the commission. Poland and Czechoslovakia, the dissenters, since have criticized this action as a "violation" of the truce terms.

UNC Drew Blank

At the time, Red explanation teams had persuaded less than 5 per cent of those interviewed among more than 22,000 Chinese and North Koreans to return to communism. The U.N. Command had drawn a blank with the 250 South Koreans it interviewed after which the other prisoners, including 22 Americans, refused even to come out for explanations.

The Reds have charged that agents of South Korean President Syngman Rhee and of Chinese Nationalist President Chiang Kai-shek were "planted" in the anti-Red compounds, terrorizing the men there into refusing interviews. The U.N. Command accused the Red side of breaking off the interviews after failing to win back more than a very small percentage of the prisoners.

Today's Chuckle

Their cars having collided, Jack and Pat were surveying the situation. Jack offered Pat a drink. Pat drank and Jack returned the bottle to his pocket.

"Aren't you going to have a drink yourself?" said Pat.

"Not until the police have been here," said Jack.

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French Attack In Wake Of Red Push Expected

Indochinese Rebels Dig In Near Border Of Jittery Thailand

HANOI, Indochina, Dec. 27 (AP)—Communist-led Vietminh troops dug in near the border of jittery Thailand today to meet expected French counter measures following the lightning Red thrust across Laos which sliced Indochina in two.

The rebels, who launched their four-day 100-mile drive from the Annam coast, completed the push yesterday, rumbling into the Lao-tian border town of Thakhek on the heels of retreating French troops.

Swift Counter-Blow Seen

The French pulled out of Thakhek in the face of the overwhelming Red drive and began calling in reinforcements for an expected counter-attack which observers predicted would come swiftly.

This was the first time in the eight-year-old Indochina war that the Vietminh have reached the Thailand frontier on the Mekong River. The Reds came within 30 miles of the Mekong last April in their invasion of Laos—one of the three French-associated states in Indochina. But, after threatening the Lao-tian capital of Luang Prabang, they quit with the approach of the rainy season.

Reds Split Indochina

The Vietminh occupation of Thakhek, 300 miles southwest of Hanoi, split Indochina across its narrow waist, severing all road and river supply lines. Capture of Thakhek, a relay center for supplies going into western and northern Laos gives the Reds a base on Thailand's border. This has thrown a scare into the little country and it is rushing troops and artillery to its northern frontier.

Authoritative observers in Saigon believe the attack is only the beginning of a general Red offensive on several fronts, with political as well as military objectives.

'Watchdog' Group Reports Critical Materials Short

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Senate-House "Watchdog" Committee on defense production reported today that the partial mobilization goal set more than three years ago has been "substantially achieved." But it said the balance between supply and demand in some cases remain delicate.

"Progress in the programs to expand basic industrial capacity and supplies of material has been such," the committee reported, "that the nation is now able to sustain military production at current peak levels with little strain on the economy or dislocation of civilian markets."

Asserting that "serious shortages of the most critical materials are continuing," the report added: "These thin areas in the nation's production potential are causing difficulty and delays in such top priority programs as atomic energy power projects and procurement for the stockpile."

The committee is headed by Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.).

Dewey Orders Dock Election Investigation

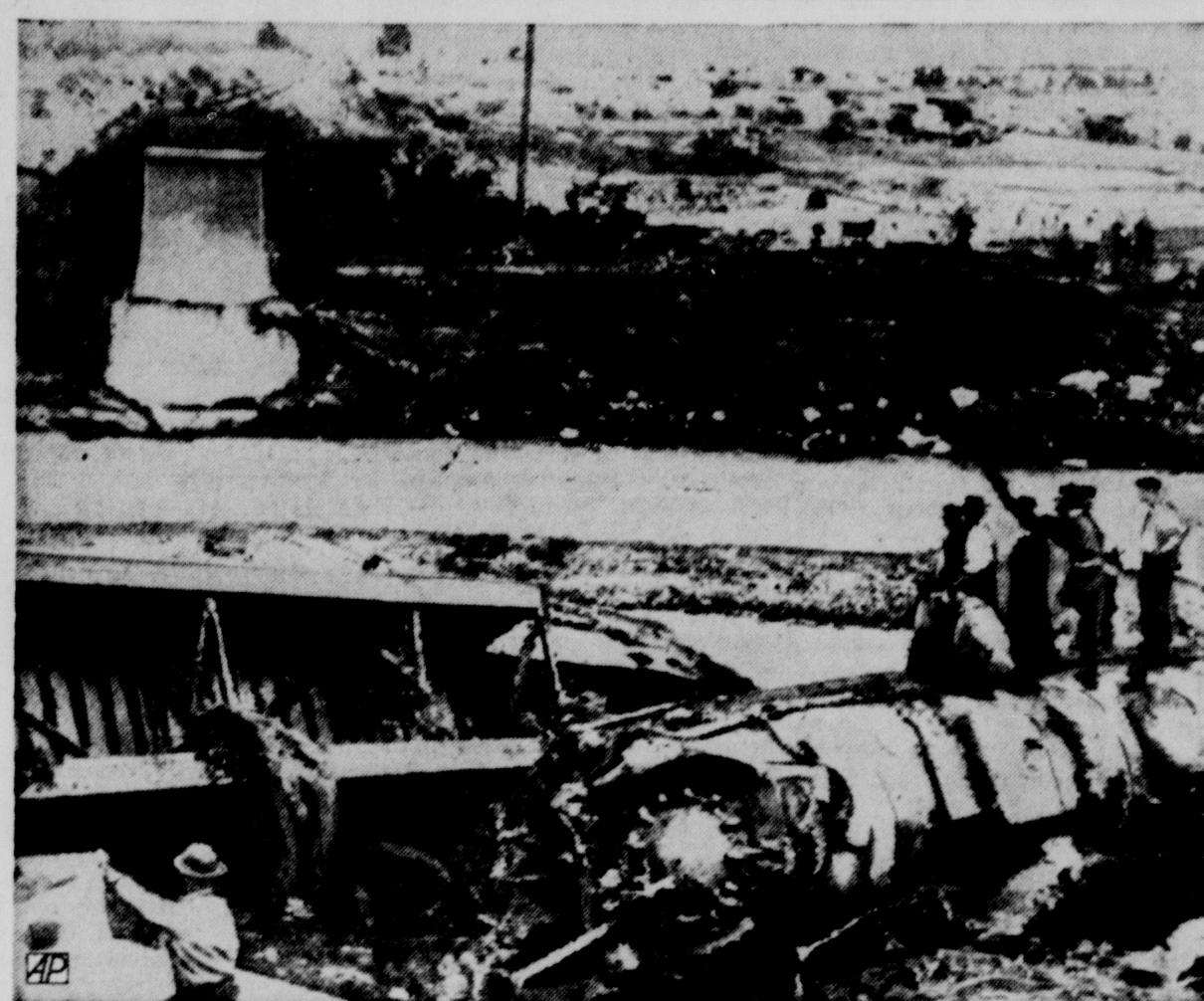
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today ordered a state inquiry into last week's union bargaining election on New York City's strife-torn waterfront, to determine whether "violence and corruption" prevented free balloting by the longshoremen.

"Reports have come to me of the presence of gangsters and hoodlums in the vicinity of polling places, and of stabings and other violence during the election," the governor said in a statement.

Dewey asserted there also were indications that the Independent International Longshoremen's Assn., ousted from the AFL for failure to kick out racketeers, "is now attempting to coerce the National Labor Relations Board into its hasty certification as bargaining agent."

Ex-Turkish Leader Dies

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 27 (AP)—Sukru Saracoglu, 66, Turkey's prime minister during World War II, died at his home today.



New Zealand Rail Disaster Scene

Workers search wreckage of railroad cars in New Zealand after an express train plunged into a flooded stream. Yesterday, mountain experts speculated that flood waters that washed out the bridge might have been caused by overflow of the crater lake atop 9,125-foot volcanic Mt. Ruapehu. The disaster claimed 166 lives. Part of the collapsed bridge is visible at upper left.

Red Yugoslavia's Economy Faces Drought Threat

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 27 (AP)—A countrywide drought—worse than those in 1949 and 1951—threatened today to deal Communist Yugoslavia's planned economy a disastrous blow next year. It already has caused widespread hardship and loss of revenue. Its effect is important to American taxpayers because they may bear the chief load of appeals for increased relief aid.

7.8 Inches In Two Months

In the crucial winter planting and planning months of October and November, Yugoslavia's weather station recorded an average rainfall of only 7.8 inches. This compared with an overall average of 51 inches for the two-month period, and with a total of 77 inches in 1952, which helped produce bumper crops this year.

On the basis of opinions from the agricultural experts, the chief hope of salvaging a portion of the crop rests on the possibility of a warm rain soon plus a good thirst quenching blanket of snow before spring. But the weather here now has turned cold. Here, as elsewhere in Europe, there has been no snow.

Peasant's Attitude Is Factor

Into this equation in a land of bread eaters must be figured the attitude of the peasants who produce a large part of the country's essential grain. If the grain bins are low, the chances are that they will keep surpluses, if any, off the market until the middle or late summer in anticipation of prices rising before the fall harvest.

To a degree, President Tito had anticipated this. His government kept off the market part of last year's surplus while continuing its policy of importing foodstuffs from abroad. Just how much he has in reserve remains a secret.

Motorist Kidnaped, Locked In Car Trunk

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—A motorist reported to police last night he was kidnaped by a gunman who held him captive in the trunk of his own automobile for nearly seven hours.

Jesse Swango, 53, a welder, told investigators the gunman entered his automobile at 1:30 p.m. (CST) when he stopped for a traffic signal on the northwest side of Chicago.

Swango said the man forced him to drive to a forest preserve north of Chicago where he was robbed of his wallet containing \$10. Then he said, the robber forced him into the trunk of the automobile and locked it. Swango is six feet tall and weighs 230 pounds.

About 8:30 p.m., Swango said, the man stopped the car again and got out. Using a tire iron, the prisoner forced the lid open and found himself at Jackson Blvd. and Clinton St., west of the Loop.

Engagement Announced

BONN, Germany, Dec. 27 (AP)—The engagement of Miss Lotte Adenauer, first lady of West Germany and youngest daughter of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, was announced today. Her husband-to-be is Herbert Mulhaupt, a 32-year-old architect from Cologne.

Parents To Take Two-Headed Son Into Their Home

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hartley decided today to take their two-headed son into their home near Petersburg, Ind., with their three other children as soon as Riley Hospital releases him.

Today was the first time the 27-year-old mother, Margaret Hartley, had seen her 15-day-old son.

Hospital officials indicated the baby could be released before long.

The Hartleys were left alone in the room with their malformed child. They remained a short time and showed no emotion when they came out.

GOP Committee To Meet Feb. 5-6

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Republican National Committee was called today to meet here Feb. 5 and 6 to discuss plans for the 1954 campaign in which the GOP will be battling to broaden its thin margins in the Senate and House.

Patronage gripes, finances, and the part the National Citizens for Eisenhower Congressional Committee will play in the campaign also may figure in the discussions.

GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall told a reporter, in a telephone interview from his home in Oyster Bay, N.Y., that the first day of the meeting will coincide with the party's annual Lincoln Day box supper and show.

It will be the first meeting of the full committee since Hall was elected chairman last April 10. The former state judge and U.S. representative said "nothing special" is on the agenda, but he thinks the committee should meet at least once a year.

Envoy To Israel Dies

TEL AVIV, Israel, Dec. 27 (AP)—The body of U. S. Ambassador Monnet B. Davis, 60, who died here yesterday of a heart ailment, will be returned to the United States by plane Thursday for burial, the U. S. Embassy announced today.

Hughes And Censors Battle Over Jane Russell 3D Film

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Jane Russell in 3D is the subject for Howard Hughes' latest assault against the movie industry's self-censorship code.

RKO, which is operated by the Texas millionaire, has announced it will open "French Line" in St. Louis next Tuesday although the picture has not received the seal of approval from the Production Code Administration. The 3D musical stars Jane Russell and Gilbert Roland.

The Breen Office, which must approve all Hollywood films before the seal is given, has asked Hughes to make certain cuts. An office spokesman was quoted as saying there were "some glaring breast shots of Jane Russell and a dance sequence by that lady during her rendition of 'I Want A Man' . . . that will certainly bring the cops to any theater where it is shown."

West Has Cold War Initiative, Dulles Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The United States and its free allies have seized the cold war initiative and will "negotiate from strength, not weakness," with Russia, Secretary of State Dulles declared today.

In ten signed articles in the January issue of "Nation's Business," Dulles and all the other Cabinet members reported on their achievements in the first year of the Eisenhower administration.

The claims included attainment of the world's "most powerful and effective" air force; "substantial progress" toward sound money and tax reduction; an economic program to "foster business, not to spoon-feed business"; and restoration to the people of a "voice" in the use and management of natural resources.

Defense Policy Being Revised

Now in process, the Cabinet team reported, are an important revision of defense policy suited to the age of hydrogen warfare; proposals for tighter laws against subversion and espionage; the drafting of a plan for "permanent farm prosperity."

The magazine, published by the United States Chamber of Commerce, balanced off each article with an analysis written by an outside expert. It had Allan Nevins, historian and Pulitzer Prize winner, appraise the whole GOP record.

Ike Met 'Crucial Test'

President Eisenhower met his "crucial test" on foreign policy, Nevins said. The historian agreed with Dulles that the country has gained ground in international affairs.

But on the domestic front, Nevins declared, judgment must be reserved because the administration faces criticisms—adding up to a "strong indictment" of failure to keep campaign promises to reduce taxes, check inflation and protect farmers; to define vital policy positions; and to provide an aggressive, inspiring leadership.

Five Killed As Auto Plunges Off Bridge

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 27 (AP)—A speeding car crashed through a guardrail on the Cherry Street bridge early today and plunged 40 feet into the Maumee River, killing all five of its occupants.

Police estimated the car was traveling between 60 and 70 miles an hour.

The dead, all Toledoans, were Pvt. Richard Szczepanski, 25; Karl Boettcher, 27; William S. West, 24; and a young married couple, Paul and Sue Laudick, 24 and 21.

No Lives Lost As Freighter Breaks Apart

Rescue Vessels Haul Crew From Lifeboats In Stormy N. Atlantic

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—A dramatic night rescue in the stormy North Atlantic saved 43 persons early today after their ship broke in two. All apparently were unharmed.

However, one of the rescue vessels, the U. S. Military Sea Transport ship Bluejacket carrying 36 of the 43 survivors, reported late today she was making little progress.

"Hove to due to mountainous seas and severe storm," a message from the Bluejacket said.

The entire crew of the Swedish freighter Oklahoma, 42 men and a woman, were hauled from four lifeboats some 400 miles off Newfoundland after the ship cracked up.

They had spent ten hours of more in lifeboats on the icy, wind-swept ocean before their rescue by the Bluejacket and the Finnish freighter Orion.

Survivors In Good Condition

Late today the Bluejacket radioed that survivors she rescued were all in good condition.

There was no word here from the Finnish freighter, which carried the other seven survivors.

But, a Coast Guard spokesman said that since the seven were rescued about the same time as the others, and the Orion proceeded on her course toward Europe, it could be assumed the seven also were unhurt.

Late today no trace of the 5,900-ton Oklahoma had been found.

The skipper of the Oklahoma, Robert Kutschbach, was quoted in the Bluejacket's message as saying that when the ship broke in two, the men assembled at the after end.

When the engine started taking water, they were forced to take to the lifeboats.

But before leaving the ship, the Oklahoma crew turned on automatic distress signals.

Signals Aid Rescue Ship

These constant "SOS" signals enabled the nearby Bluejacket to "home in" on the sinking ship.

The Bluejacket arrived at the position about 6:30 p.m. EST. But at first found no trace of survivors. After sighting the first lifeboat, the Bluejacket said, she had a great deal of difficulty maneuvering into a rescuing position because of the heavy seas.

Finally at 1:50 a.m. the last of 14 survivors from the first boat was pulled aboard the Bluejacket by lifelines.

The Bluejacket then continued the search, and a few minutes later sighted the second lifeboat. It took until 3:22 a.m. to get the last of 11 persons in the second boat aboard.

At 3:25 the Bluejacket sighted two more boats, and arranged with the Orion, which had appeared on the scene, that each would take one boat.

Russian Charges Flying Saucers U.S. 'Invention'

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Soviet commentator today accused "aggressive forces" in the United States and other countries of inventing flying saucers to fan war hysteria.

Moscow radio broadcast excerpts from an article by K. Khaturov in the Soviet army newspaper Red Star, saying:

"Those who spread these fables are endeavoring to create the impression that the mysterious objects originate from Moscow. 'The mythical saucers' take off from the pages of the bourgeois press every time the ruling circles of this or that capitalist country, on orders from Washington, are trying to foist upon their people the new burden of military expenditure."

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Experts Think Time Has Come For Free Currency Exchange

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—There are signs that the Eisenhower administration may quietly have added convertibility—free exchange of currencies—to its list of things needed for long-haul defense against communism.

Two recent speeches by high Treasury officials, one of them off the record until now, give strong signs that:

1. The administration thinks the time has about come for some major European countries to cut their coddled currencies loose for a free, convertible run in competitive world markets, and is urging them to do so.

2. It does not consider major downward revision of U. S. tariffs the principal answer to Europe's continued inability to earn enough dollars in trade to pay for its purchases in this country.

3. The recent brightening of Europe's economic situation has convinced administration financial leaders that no big new dollar help by the United States would be needed to underwrite convertibility.

4. Freely convertible currencies are an essential factor in the free world economic stability which is needed as the foundation for an indefinitely long struggle against communism.

Convertibility would mean that, to take an example, Britain's Central Bank would guarantee to exchange dollars for pounds sterling for anyone who wished to convert pounds into dollars. Such conversions now may be made only by government permission and at rates set by government regulation, not supply and demand in the market.

There would be the risk that the demand for sterling-to-dollars conversion would be so heavy that Britain would run out of dollars, or gold with which to buy more dollars. That would mean virtual international bankruptcy for Britain, which depends on gold and dollar purchases of food and raw materials.

Cantata Is Given

LONACONING—A cantata, "The Music of Christmas" was presented yesterday at First Methodist Church.

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Russian Roulette Is Won By Death

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—A New York youth took two chances with death in a game of Russian roulette today—and the second time he lost.

Bert Bagley, 19, suggested the game at a brother's home, police said. Two brothers declined to play.

Bert, however, took out a .38 revolver, with two of its six chambers loaded, and put it to his temple.

On the first shot the chamber was empty. He tried again. The second shot killed him.

Stassen Sees Savings Balancing Budget

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Foreign Aid Director Harold Stassen tonight predicted a balanced federal budget this year as a result of Eisenhower administration economies topped off by one billion dollars less in overseas spending than Congress authorized.

This cherished goal of a balanced budget during the fiscal year ending next June 30 can be achieved Stassen said, because "we are getting more and more results for less money."

Pittsburgh Trolley, Bus Fares Increased

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27 (AP)—Trolley and bus riders using facilities of the Pittsburgh Railways Co. dug deeper into their pockets today.

The company, finally winning a long fight with the City of Pittsburgh, increased its rates. Basic trolley fares went up from 17 to 20 cents and bus fares from 20 to 25 cents. However, a system of permit cards or commuter tickets, enables riders to save a few pennies weekly.

Czechs Censor News Of Costly Rail Wreck

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 27 (AP)—Czech railway and police authorities prevented any further leakage of information today on the Christmas Eve train wreck in Moravia which reportedly killed more than 100 persons.

Czech officials, evidently acting on orders from higher authorities, rebuffed all inquiries on the subject made by telephone from Vienna.

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Old Tarzan Films Draw Pravda Fire

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP)—Pravda has blasted Soviet movie distributors for sending out old American pictures featuring Tarzan, whose jungle roars are scaring the chickens and pigs on collective farms.

The official newspaper of the Russian Communist party demanded that Soviet peasants, instead of being required to watch "trashy" stuff like Tarzan and American cowboy and pirate films, be shown serious films about Russian scientists, doctors, and teachers.

"Tarzan travels from village to village, from settlement to settlement, from town to town on his 1½-ton truck," Pravda said. "His wild shriek is even heard this month in Voronezh (290 miles southeast of Moscow). His visits are planned weeks ahead of time. And when his screams die away, another trashy film will go into the villages where—from the continuous screaming and shooting—chickens are awakened from their sleep and panic is caused among the livestock in the barns and villages at night."

"The old Tarzan films starring Johnny Weissmuller, made years ago in Hollywood, have been the most popular movies in the Soviet Union for several years. The Russians have been forming long lines in front of Moscow theaters to see the four Tarzan films taken by the Russians as war booty from Berlin. No fees are paid to the American producers for use of the films.

Mahoney Gets Support Of Julian B. Carrick

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27 (AP)—George P. Mahoney today had the formal support of Julian B. Carrick, party leader in South Baltimore, in his bid for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Carrick, leader of a faction rivaling the George Della-Joseph M. Wyatt organization in the city's Sixth Legislative District, took his stand in an announcement yesterday.

He said a great majority of Democrats in this district "simply can't work up any enthusiasm for any candidate but Mahoney."

Pushed Woman Dies Under Train's Wheels

MEADVILLE, Pa., Dec. 27 (AP)—A 31-year-old Meadville woman was pushed to her death under the wheels of an Erie Railroad freight train today and a few minutes later an acquaintance was arrested in connection with her death.

District Atty. Raymond P. Shaffer identified the woman as Lora Belle Starr. He said Moses Terrell, 43, who lived at the Starr home, was jailed and tomorrow will be "charged with some charge of homicide."

The district attorney quoted Terrell as saying that he and the woman became involved in an argument while the freight train was passing. The man added that he and Miss Starr were tugging at each other's coat lapels and he pushed her violently and she fell under the train.

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Maryland's Holiday Death Toll Reaches 15

(By The Associated Press)

Maryland's holiday death toll continued to climb Sunday as the long weekend came to a close.

There were at least 15 deaths reported in these groups: Traffic 9, fires 5, miscellaneous 1.

Traffic victims Sunday included Clara Bell Shaw, 22, of 1409 N. Harrison St., Wilmington, Del., who was killed in Kent County about a quarter mile from the Delaware line when a car failed to make a curve.

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Farmer Dies Month Following Accident

RIDGELY, Md., Dec. 27 (AP)—A young farmer who remained unconscious for almost a month after a farm accident, died yesterday at Eastern Memorial Hospital. He was William S. Carroll, Jr.

Carroll, 27, was found in a field Nov. 30 by his brother, Dawson. He was injured in a fall while rounding up some heifers on horse-

Labor Secretary Hails Ike Policies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said today "The Eisenhower administration labor policies have brought more collective bargaining and less strike idleness in 1953."

Mitchell's year end statement said workers enjoyed high wages, employment, and stabilized living costs in 1953 and for 1954 the economy appears "in a condition favoring healthy, steady growth."

"In 1953," he said, "management and labor have worked out their labor relations issues with smaller losses of man hours than in 1952."

"This is in a large measure due to the climate created by the administration's policy of leaving to labor and management the solution of their own labor relations problems. The policy has brought about more genuine collective bargaining."

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Dickerson Denies He Slew Mt. Rainier Man

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 27 (AP)—Thomas E. Dickerson, recaptured fugitive from Spring Grove State Hospital, denied any connection with the robbery-slaying of Thomas N. Selph Jr., homicide squad detectives said after a questioning yesterday.

Lt. Lawrence Hartnett said Dickerson contended he was not in the same area when Selph was slain last month.

Hartnett said Dickerson's statement was being checked with persons in Kentucky who were given as references.

Three District of Columbia homicide detectives questioned Dickerson about the robbery-slaying of the Mount Rainier finance company employee and later reported little progress in the investigation.

Selph disappeared Oct. 9 while taking \$3,000 to a bank. He was found shot to death Nov. 17.

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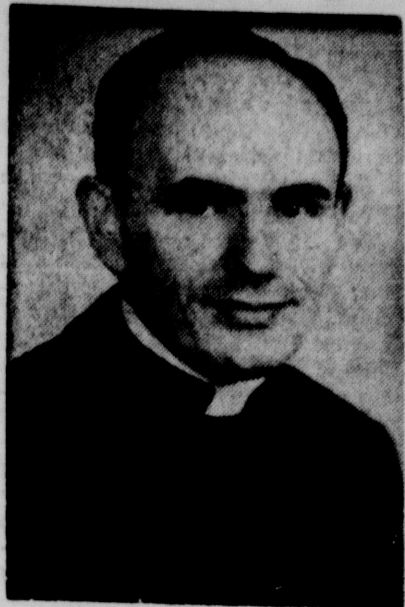
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Rev. Yingling Accepts Frostburg Church Post



REV. W. J. YINGLING

Begins Duties At St. Paul's Feb. 1

FROSTBURG — The congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has elected Rev. William J. Yingling, Lovettsville, Va., to become pastor as the successor of Rev. Harold R. Stoudt, who will leave today to become pastor of a church in Baltimore County.

Rev. Mr. Yingling, who will assume his duties here about February 1, is a native of Baltimore and received his early education in the high schools of that city.

He received his A. B. degree from Gettysburg College in 1948, and graduated from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg in February 1951.

While pursuing his college studies he entered the Armed Forces and spent 34 months in the U. S. Medical Corps, 14 months in the United States and 20 months overseas in the China-Burma-India theater of operations.

While in college, he was active in college publications, the a cappella choir, and the Student Christian Association. He served as editor of the college paper and president of the Student Christian Association during two consecutive summer terms. While in seminary, he was a member of the male chorus.

During the summers of 1948 and 1949, Rev. Mr. Yingling served vacant Lutheran parishes in Davis, W. Va., and Edinburg, Va., respectively. His call to the Lovettsville Lutheran parish was extended in November 1950, and became effective March 1, 1951. While pastor in the Virginia parish, he was active in the county ministerial association, serving as secretary and president. He also served as an instructor of religious education in the Lovettsville school for two years.

Rev. Mr. Yingling was married to Miss Doris M. Knachel in September 1946. They are the parents of two children, John Edward, 4, and Marilyn Ruth, one year.

1,200 Attend Yule Parties In Tri-Towns

PIEDMONT — Over 1,200 children of the Tri-Towns area were entertained at a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon at movies presented at the Devon Club at Luke and the Piedmont Opera House.

The movies were sponsored by Kelly-Mansfield Post 52 and the Auxiliary Unit of Piedmont American Legion Auxiliary; Luke Local 676, UPA-CIO; management of Luke Plant of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; Potomac Fire Company 2 of Westernport, and Victory Post 155 and Auxiliary, American Legion of Westernport.

After the movies Santa Claus and his helpers distributed candy, oranges and pop corn balls to the kiddies. The treat was also given to children on the Piedmont Municipal Parking Lot.

In previous years these organizations held individual Christmas parties for the children but through a united effort this year it could be done more effectively. This was the largest one yet held.

Student Council Elects Officers

PARSONS — James Knaggs has been named president of the Student Council of Thomas High School, with Charles A. Bennett as sponsor.

Other officers are Jack Sowers, vice-president; Joann Carr, secretary; Christine Cianfaglione, treasurer; Freddie Shaffer and Angela Lamont, publicity chairmen and Anna Terrant, student advisor.

Committees include Jack Sowers, Don Cangle, Elizabeth Harpe, Christine Blosser, Traffic committee; George DiBacco, Lincoln Wilkins, Mary Ellen Knaggs, and William Metz, Fire Drill committee; Joel Davis, Norman Carr, Sue Wilkins, and Betty Sue Flanagan, Building and Grounds committee; Don Phillips, Joanna Carr, Christine Cianfaglione, and Carl Merhar, Activity committee.

James Knaggs, Jean Burch, Barbara Sowers, and Harold Carr, Improvement Work committee; Angelo Lamont, Pat McCray, Gene Sines and Freddie Shaffer, Lost and Found committee.

Yule Fire Fatal To Salisbury Man

Robert A. Kidner, 84, burned to death Christmas Day at his home in Salisbury, Pa., near the Maryland-Pennsylvania line.

Kidner lived alone in the four-room, one-story home.

Dr. C. T. Saylor, Somerset County coroner, said the body was charred beyond recognition. The Salisbury Fire Company answered the alarm turned in by a passerby. The home was a mass of flames when the fire fighters arrived. They added that the fire evidently started from an overheated oil stove.

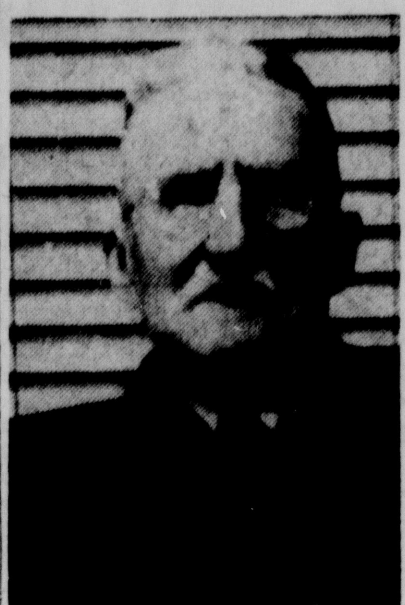
A native of Berlin, the octogenarian had lived in Salisbury since he was two years old. He was a son of the late Henry and Ellen Kidner.

Kidner was a former justice of the peace and notary public. He operated a service station in Salisbury for 26 years until his retirement a short time ago.

Watch Night Service Planned In Frostburg

FROSTBURG — A Watch Night Service will be held Thursday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock at Welsh Memorial Baptist Church, Beall Street.

The service will include a worship service and a fellowship program and is open to the public.



OLIVER D. WILLIAMS

O. D. Williams, Former Mayor Of Luke, Dies

Funeral Service Planned Tomorrow

LUKE — Former Mayor Oliver D. Williams, 87, died Saturday in the Allegheny County Infirmary, Cumberland, where he had been a patient six months. He had been in failing health four years.

A native of Piedmont, he was a son of the late George and Nina (Bice) Williams and had resided in the Tri-Towns area his entire life. Mr. Williams retired in 1932 as superintendent of the boiler house at the Luke plant of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company after 30 years employment with that firm. His wife, Mrs. Leota May (Rector) Williams, preceded him in death.

Mr. Williams had served three terms as mayor and 11 years as chief of the Luke Volunteer Fire Company. An ardent sportsman, he had been declared the world's titlist after winning one of the national trapshooting contests at Grandalla, Ohio.

Active in fraternal organizations, Mr. Williams was a past master of Hiram Lodge 103, AF and AM of Westernport, a past noble grand and trustee for many years of Philo Lodge 91, IOOF, of Westernport, and a past district deputy of the Grand Masters Association of Maryland, IOOF. He also held membership in the old Piedmont Council, JOUAM.

Surviving are three sons, George O. and John W. Williams, both of Luke, and Harry R. Williams, Charleston, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Leota Miller, Frostburg, and Mrs. Beulah Kootz, Harrisburg, Ill.; 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

The body is at the residence of his son, George Williams, 439 Pratt Street, where services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. Rev. Clyde W. Ash, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Piedmont, will officiate and interment will be in Philo Cemetery, Westernport, where Masonic graveside services will be conducted.

Philo Lodge 91 will conduct ritualistic exercises at the residence today at 8 p. m.

Frostburg Personals

Samuel T. Walker, a senior at Johns Hopkins University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Walker, Maple Street.

Wayne W. Jenkins, a student at Strayer's Business College, Washington, is spending the holidays with his family, 41 West College Avenue.

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McNeill To Head Shaft Volunteer Fire Company

Siren Test Slated Daily During Winter

FROSTBURG — At a recent meeting of the Shaft Volunteer Fire Company, Leo McNeill was elected president. Others elected to serve with him are:

Galen Smith vice president; William Davis, treasurer; Raymond Kamau, secretary; William Landefeld, fire chief; Francis Philpot, captain of drill team; Russell Carder, sergeant of arms; Howard Zeller, chaplain; Elmer Miller, janitor.

Trustees, Francis Philpot, Clarence Miller, James T. Tennant, Charles Frost, Clarence Muir, truck drivers, Raymond Kamau, Clarence Miller, Bruce Howsare, Charles Frost and Francis Philpot. Welfare committee, William Davis, William Landefeld and Clarence Miller.

Delegates to state convention, Francis Philpot, Charles Frost, William Davis, Clarence Miller and William Landefeld.

Delegates to county convention, Francis Philpot, G. Drew, William Davis, Clarence Miller and Raymond Kamau.

The fire company recently held a Christmas party for children of the community. Each child received a treat and the community Christmas tree was lighted. A party was also held for Dale Harvey, a member of the fire company, who was home on furlough from the Air Force.

The fire company's siren will be blown each day at 5 p. m. until warm weather.

Knights Of Columbus Christmas Dance Set

PIEDMONT, W. Va. — Piedmont Council 685, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual Christmas Dance tomorrow from 9:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. at Jake's Place in Westernport.

Music will be furnished by the Henry Grusendorf Combo. John M. Kelly, Joseph L. Sullivan and Charles J. Laughlin are in charge of arrangements. Tickets may be purchased at the council home on Second Street or at Jake's Place. The dance is informal.

Westernport Theatre Is Being Remodeled

WESTERNPORT — The Welsh Theatre is being remodeled and redecorated.

The theatre is being widened and a wider and higher projection screen is being installed for the showing of Synacope and 3-D movies.

James A. Welsh, owner, said additional seats and new lighting equipment are being installed.



LESSON IN RAILROADING — C. E. Smith, retired Western Maryland Railway engineer, shows Winslow Burnham, 12-year-old son of Hagerstown's mayor, how to run a locomotive. The engine, Old 202, was recently given to the city by the railroad as a museum piece and a toy for boys and girls to climb on. Smith operated the locomotive for 20 years. (AP Photo)

Yule Baskets Distributed In Westernport Section

WESTERNPORT — Approximately 80 baskets were distributed to needy families Thursday by the United Organizations of the Tri-Towns, Salvation Army in this area and the McCoolle United Organizations, according to Wayne Ritchie, chairman of the United Organizations here.

Besides foodstuff, clothing and toys were given to 200 needy persons. Various clubs assisted with giving the clothing to the needy in the rooms of the United Organizations in Piedmont.

Potomac Fire Company, No. 2, here used its squad car to deliver food baskets, assisted by the Boy Scouts. Others assisting were Rev. Edwin Smith, pastor of Bloomingtown Methodist Church and Charles Price in Bloomingtown and Leslie Miller in the Mill Run area.

Besides the baskets provided by the United Organizations other groups participating included Victory Post 155 and Auxiliary of Westernport American Legion;

Westernport and Luke Civic Club; Piedmont Woman's Club; Piedmont Presbyterian Church; Bloomingtown Methodist Church and Potomac Fire Company No. 2.

Bible classes of Trinity Methodist Church of Piedmont; Social Welfare Club; Bruce High School; West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; Luke Local 676, UPA-CIO; Westernport Chapter of God Church; Piedmont Chapter 925 Women of the Moose; Catholic Daughters of America; Beta Ormiston Chapter Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; and Westernport Church of the Brethren. Westernport and Luke Lions a Club.

Ritchie stated that from the kettles of the Salvation Army manned here by representatives of local organizations, \$215 was collected and is being used for local relief work.

The next meeting of the United Organizations will be held Monday, January 4, at 7:30 p. m. at the Westernport Library.

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Lonaconing Briefs

The Lonaconing Rotary Club will not hold its dinner meeting Wednesday evening due to the New Year holiday.

Newly-elected officers of Good Will Fire Company will be installed Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the firemen's armory.

A jingle party was held at the General Textile mill Tuesday by the employees. The group sang Christmas carols. Refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

Legion To Mark 26th Birthday In Lonaconing

LONACONING — James P. Love Post No. 92, American Legion, will celebrate its 26th anniversary today at the post home with a supper and dance.

The post was organized October 27, 1927, at Good Will Fire Company Hall. Meetings were held there until the post moved to the Lonaconing Bank building and from there back to the Fire Company hall.

In 1939 the post opened its social quarters in the Kelly building and activities were conducted there until 1946, when the present home was purchased from Harry Lane.

The first commander was Alex Gardner. He was followed by the late William Patton, the late Joseph Beeman, William H. Rankin, Joseph Moran, Earl Smith, James Jenkins, Harold Doolan, Edward F. Mooney and the present commander, Edward E. Nolan.

All past commanders will be honored and a memorial service will be held for those deceased. Two members of the post serve as department vice commanders, William H. Rankin and Edward E. Nolan.

Alex Gardner will be chairman of the anniversary celebration and Commander Nolan will be master of ceremonies. National Executive committee member Frank Powers, Frostburg, will be the principal speaker.

Members, their guests, social members, and members of the Auxiliary unit are invited to attend. The supper will be served at 7 p. m. and the dance will begin at 9 p. m. with music by Edna, Eddie and Al. A short program of entertainment will be given during the dance.

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Assurance To Russia

The "positive approach" of the Western Powers in the projected Berlin conference with Soviet Russia might develop as a willingness to guarantee Russia and other east European states against aggression by a re-armed Germany. Such a guarantee could take the form of a public and formal declaration rather than a treaty.

The Russian note of December 21 on President Eisenhower's atomic energy proposals make specific reference to "the forthcoming conference in Berlin." So, although no word has come from Russia on the date the Western Powers proposed for the Berlin meeting—January 4—the conference itself appears still to have a definite place on the Soviet foreign affairs agenda.

Adlai E. Stevenson, after a conference with President Eisenhower on October 1, had disclosed that the administration was carefully considering a non-aggression treaty with Russia. Senate Majority Leader Knowland (R., Calif.) on October 5 declared that a prerequisite to any such agreement should be free elections in the Soviet satellite states, in which category Knowland included the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Secretary of State Dulles on the following day characterized talk about a non-aggression pact with Russia as "a little bit vague and somewhat meaningless," inasmuch as the United Nations Charter, "broadly speaking, is a non-aggression pact, and it would be difficult to add much to it."

But Dulles repeated a statement he had made before the U. N. Assembly to the effect that both the Russian and French people were entitled to "expect assurances against any repetition of" German aggression. Germany, as Dulles pointed out, is not a member of the U. N., and hence is not bound by the U. N. Charter.

Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain, who had broached the idea of assurances to Russia on German aggression back on May 11, told the House of Commons on December 17 that he believed he had been successful at Bermuda in impressing on President Eisenhower and Premier Laniel of France "the justice and advantage of such a course." But in his December speech Churchill made no mention of proposals for an actual treaty.

"It is my hope," Churchill said, "that from the Berlin meeting there may emerge some means of providing Russia with a sense of security arising from other factors than mere force."

Any joint Western declaration guaranteeing against German aggression would be binding only at the bar of world public opinion. But it would be perhaps advantageous as a basis for negotiations with Russia rather than as an ultimate goal to be held out to the Russians. And it would be advantageous to Secretary Dulles in the respect that it would not have to be placed before the U. S. Senate for ratification, as would a treaty. Such an "executive agreement" could be endorsed later by a simple majority vote of the Senate and House. This action would "firm up" the commitment without giving it treaty strength.

In modern times even treaties often prove less than binding. Soviet Russia has left in its wake a long series of broken non-aggression treaties. The Western Powers have a much better record, but it should be remembered that Soviet Russia denounced its non-aggression treaty with Japan in April 1945 and later came into the war against Japan at the request of Great Britain and the United States.

Needed: Fresh Winds

Apparently there is nothing wrong with the U. S. Weather Bureau that fresh, northwesterly winds couldn't cure. Such an infusion, as a report just submitted to Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks implies, would serve to blow out to sea an old stale fog which has been hanging over the weather center in Washington and obscuring the view to the extent that some of the bureau's operating standards are 20 to 40 years behind the times.

It should be reported that the critical analysis of the bureau and its activities did not stem from the bureau's boggle in not forecasting correctly the blizzard which smothered the East Coast unusually early this year. The report, made by an evaluating committee of private citizens at the government's behest, has been in the works for some time and was aimed at modernizing the machinery. Some of the works, considering their age, were found in remarkably good shape.

Generally, the report gives the impression that new blood in the bureau's personnel would be advantageous. An innovation was the suggestion that the bureau has been frugal to the point of diminishing returns, and pointed out rather kindly that economies within the present organization might free funds to beef up certain operating areas under the bureau's jurisdiction which have become almost completely static.

Two of the areas pointed out specifically were the sciences of meteorology and climatology. Whoever assembled the report was sampling the troposphere of prose, apparently, when he deplored the "slow, almost lingering death of real climatology."

Fewer Servicemen?

Two aspects of the military manpower problem tried to shoulder each other off the front pages of most newspapers the other day. This was rather ironic because the two are closely related.

At the National Press Club in Washington, Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was telling newsmen about the "new look" in the nation's long range military planning. In another part of the capital a presidential commission, members of which were known to favor such a step, came up with new recommendations for universal military training.

The gist of the admiral's remarks was that new weapons and new techniques might reduce the need for great masses of manpower without reducing the nation's overall military strength. It seems that the "new look" envisages a balanced force concept that is entirely new in that it doesn't go back to the older standard of dividing the military budget in thirds. Emphasis will be on total air power.

What this means is that manpower needs can gradually be reduced. A lottery feature of the combined universal military training and draft setup proposed by the commission has already raised so much vocal opposition among congressmen that it seems to be a dead duck.

How To Keep Well

By Dr. T. R. Van Dellen

To the limit of space, questions pertaining to the prevention of disease will be answered. Personal replies will be made under proper limitations, when return stamped envelope is enclosed. Dr. Van Dellen will not make diagnosis or prescribe for individual diseases.

Lollipop Therapy

Child psychiatrists are in demand nowadays to cure Junior of his bad habits and help him become a good, honest boy so that he will grow into manhood emotionally mature. The present situation is traced back to "the progressive era" when youngsters were allowed unusual freedom and it was taboo for any parent to say "no." Many of these children, now grow to adulthood, have children of their own and are finding it difficult to rear them in an environment where no one knows the meaning of discipline or responsibility. No wonder most child psychiatrists spend the greater part of their time reeducating the parents.

It is a moot question whether all of these problem children are in need of special psychiatric care. Many unquestionably will improve with plain, simple, and basic guidance. This reminds me of the story of the boy who was riding a neighbor boy's tricycle and refused to get off despite his mother's pleas. When she spied old Dr. Jones coming up the street she asked him to do something. The old physician walked over to the lad, whispered in his ear, and the youngster immediately got off and ran home. "What did you tell him?" the mother asked. Dr. Jones replied, "I said, 'You little brat! If you don't get off that tricycle and go home, I'll give you the spanking of your life.'"

Children often prove difficult to interview concerning behavior. Dr. Robert E. Peck found an easy way to conduct the interviews by playing a game with the tots. His idea utilizes the old principle that youngsters are more cooperative when given a reward. Many pediatricians, dentists, and barbers have used this device for years; when the job is finished a piece of candy is offered and it is surprising how well the little one behaves when a treat is in store.

Dr. Peck reported his results in a recent issue of the Archives of Pediatrics. In brief, the technique is one of reward and punishment thru the use of red and white chips. As the child talks or answers questions, the physician puts down a white chip when he approves and a red chip when he disapproves. At the end of the interview a prize is given if the white pile is higher than the red one. According to Dr. Peck, he explains to the boy or girl: "I will give you a red chip because you really shouldn't hit your little brother like that. However, I will give you a white chip for telling me the truth . . . and, of course, if he really started it as you say, I will give you another white chip, as that is an extenuating circumstance."

Dr. Peck also prefers to talk with the mother beforehand because it gives him the opportunity to start the game with a handicap. "Your mother says you have been pretty good since you were here last. That's fine. You get a white chip to start with. But you called her a dirty name when she called you to come in for supper; that's not so good. I'm afraid I'll have to give you a red chip for that, and that takes away your lead . . . one bad act often seems to count against us more than all our good ones."

The game is played each time the child is seen and so far none has tired of it. Peck found it establishes a quick relationship with the youngster and it introduces the element of reward and punishment. The plan has the advantage of introducing ideas into the conversation which might otherwise be difficult to express.

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DREW PEARSON on

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Democrats See Lyndon Johnson's Support Sagging; Tax Chief Andrews Courts McCarthy; Time Is Ripe For Long-Promised Satellite Peace Campaign

WASHINGTON — Democrat senators returning to Washington for the hot congressional session find that the Republicans aren't the only people troubled with rumblings of revolt. There are also rumblings against the handsome young Senate minority leader, Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

For the first time, Lyndon has lost the support of the man who made him—Ex-Speaker Sam Rayburn. To those who used to watch Lyndon in Sam Rayburn's office in the days when he was a young congressman, this is almost unbelievable. The young congressman from Texas hung on to the coat-tails of the elder congressman from Texas as if Sam was his nursemaid. Where one went the other went. If it had not been for Rayburn's faithful, never-failing friendship, Johnson would be just another congressman or else defeated today.

Last summer, however, Rayburn despite his age, 71, set out to heal the wounds of the badly fractured Democratic party. He held \$10-a-plate dinners all over Texas. Meanwhile his former young disciple,

aged only 45, went his own way. He made more than 180 speeches all over Texas, but he made them for Lyndon, not for the Democratic party which his onetime mentor was trying to cement.

Privately, Rayburn has had plenty to say about this. He's even been willing to agree to the appropriateness of the Johnson nickname, "Ly-in' Down." Lyndon, but publicly, he says nothing against his old friend. Sam isn't built that way.

However, various senators are saying things about Lyndon. They are especially asking the question: "How can Johnson lead the Democratic party in Washington if he wouldn't lead it back in Texas?" They know the reason Johnson wouldn't lead it in Texas was because he is afraid of Republicans and Dixiecrats when he comes up for re-election next year. And while they sympathize with re-election problems, they also figure that they need a Senate leader who can concentrate on going forward on behalf of the Democratic party, not looking backward at Texas on behalf of himself.

Strange Friends

Amiable T. Coleman Andrews,

the nation's tax chief, has been sharply criticized on Capitol Hill for impropriety in handling Senator McCarthy's tax case.

At the very same time that three revenue agents were investigating McCarthy's amazing income-tax returns Andrews was entertaining him royally at Richmond and later introduced him to a banquet audience as "one of the great Americans of our age."

One senator who had probed McCarthy's finances as a member of the Senate Election Committee even took the trouble to warn Andrews in advance that it would be improper for him to act as host to McCarthy at the same time the Internal Revenue Bureau was investigating him. However, Andrews pooh-poohed the advice, went ahead with his date with McCarthy. This occurred after McCarthy had sought to embarrass Andrews' chief in the White House.

McCarthy and Andrews drove together from Washington to Richmond, where the senator stopped by Andrews' house, borrowed a razor and shaved off the dark stubble so often featured in cartoons of him. Later, the two drove together to the Hotel John Marshall, where Andrews had arranged a reception. He expected 800 guests; less than 200 showed up.

Real reason Andrews has been fawning over McCarthy is that the senator happens to be chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee, which decides how much money will be allotted to the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Though McCarthy is the only U. S. senator whose strange finances are exposed in an official Senate report, it doesn't look as if Andrews' tax agency will be doing anything about it.

Peace Messages

Secretary of State Dulles stated last week that the peoples under Soviet domination are so discontented "it would be reckless" for the Russians "to engage in general war."

All the information I've been able to obtain confirms this. Refugees and other sources along the iron curtain all back him up.

However, this situation is not going to last forever. Therefore, now is the time to begin the campaign promised by both General Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles during their election speeches of getting peace and friendship propaganda behind the iron curtain.

One of the simplest ways of doing this is by sending messages across the iron curtain by large weather balloons. Most successful experiment to this end was conducted by C. D. Jackson, now on the White House staff, together with Abbott Washburn, also on the White House staff, and this writer, in the summer of 1951.

Working from West Germany within a couple of miles of the Czech border, we launched balloons carrying 11,000,000 leaflets to the people of Czechoslovakia. By gauging the winds it was fairly simple to get the balloons to spill their leaflet load over the bigger Czech cities just as people were going to work.

The effect on the Czech people was so electrifying that Premier Zapotocky had to deliver a speech on the floor of parliament denouncing the leaflets as germ carriers. But the Czech people, who knew better, continued to go for the leaflets in a big way, even tacking them up secretly on Communist bulletin boards.

The present winter is going to be rough on food behind the iron curtain. Food is plentiful. Cloth-

Matter Of Fact

By JOSEPH ALSOP

Northern Big Brother

RANGOON, Burma

Here in Burma, more than anywhere else in the Far East, you feel the tragedy of the present trend of events in Asia. Everything and every one in this small, hopeful country with its young, hopeful government seems to say with one voice, "We'll be OK in the end if we're just left alone." But what are Burma's chances of being left alone to develop into the sturdy, prosperous, independent country that Burma ought to be? Not too good, appears to be the answer.

On the one hand, there is the problem of the Chinese Nationalist refugee troops of Gen. Li Mi. Most people suppose that these troops are at least a genuinely anti-Communist force. They have been sponsored before the world by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. From their lair in the North Burma mountains, they have carried on small operations against the Chinese Communists across the border. Where could you get better proofs of anti-communism.

Unhappily, however, this Chinese force in Burma that wears the label of Chiang Kai-shek is in fact one of the biggest current assets of the world Communist conspiracy.

After the recent evacuation program, at least 8,000 of these Chinese troops remained in Burma, as a sort of state within a state. No government on earth could safely tolerate this kind of gross violation of its sovereignty. If the Chinese in Burma will not go to Formosa, the Burmese government must and will use force against them. This is all the more necessary, since the Chinese have now formed an alliance with the Karen rebels, who are in turn allied with the Burmese Communist insurgents.

Disquieting Signs

On the other hand, the Burmese government was just about to liquidate the Communist and Karen rebellions when it had to divert over half of its armed forces to deal with the Chinese guerrillas. The able minister of war, U Ba Swe, is confident he can bring order to Burma in the end. But if he has to fight the Chinese, as well as the Karens and the Communists, restoring order may well take a long time. In short, the presence of these Chinese troops in Burma has given Burma's Communist insurgents an invaluable new lease on life.

This is not all, as the extremely realistic Burmese leaders frankly recognize, because internal disorder is the strongest temptation to external aggression. And even now Communist China is obviously preparing to exploit Burma's troubles.

The signs on the border are already disquieting. The Old Burma Road has been fully hard-surfaced and made into a serious military highway. Other military roads have

been built along the border. In addition, Peking long ago established an "Autonomous Thai Federation," to make trouble in Thailand, in Laos, in Indo-China and among the Thais in Burma's Shan states. And more recently, Peking has set up an "Autonomous Kachin area" to gain leverage among the Kachins, who are the other major tribal group in the Burmese border region.

The Kachin project is particularly well-organized. The leader is Naw Sein, ex-bandit, ex-anti-Japanese resistance chief and sort of Kachin Robin Hood, whom the Chinese Communists have taken into camp. There is an indoctrination school for Burmese Kachins at Pao Shan, the main administrative center on the Chinese side of the border. Agents are already being sent across the border to work among the Kachins in Burma. No clearer proof of China's intentions toward Burma could possibly be asked for.

Danger Lies Ahead

The danger is not now, to be sure. The danger lies in the future, when Communist China's huge military buildup has been completed. And an overt Chinese military attack on Burma is by no means the only danger or even the greatest danger.

Imagine the following situation. Burma is still in disorder. The Chinese Communists begin to give active financial and other support to the Burmese Communists and other dissident groups. They pull the levers they have been preparing, to raise further revolts among the Kachins and the peoples of the Shan states. They also move thirty divisions or so to Pao Shan and send a few squadrons of jets down to the border airfields, thus filling Burma with the fears and the disquisitions that are always caused by the threat of superior force. At the same time Peking angrily demands a "friendly" Burmese government — namely a government with Communists in key posts.

I ventured to ask the Burmese leaders whether they thought they could defeat this kind of simple imitation of the tactics by which Hitler took half of Europe without firing a shot. None were surprised by the question. The wisest of them spoke for the others when he said, "If our country is stable and united, we have nothing to fear except direct aggression. But if we are still in disorder, I do not know what would happen. We could go down fighting for our country's independence, but I am afraid the odds might be against us."

Strategically, Burma is every bit as vital as Indo-China. The mere fact that this kind of future danger to Burma has now got to be weighed very seriously, is the best measure of the larger danger that hangs over Asia.

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These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

A Year Of McCarthy

It is rare that a member of the United States Senate becomes so outstanding a target for support or opposition as Joe McCarthy has managed to make of himself. Or has he managed it? Was there a design or is McCarthy an accident of our times?

I can say that I know Joe McCarthy intimately, at his best and at his worst, as one knows a friend. To me he is only a man I happen to know well, see often, whose wife I like, and to whom I can talk without excessive politeness. Were he not a United States senator whose photograph gets into the newspapers most every day, I would like him just as well or even better. I can never understand why men want to be photographed.

Joe McCarthy is a product of the principal internal conflict of our times. He did not originate the conflict nor did Harry Truman or Dean Acheson. Karl Marx, as early as 1848, started this argument.

McCarthy assumed a role in the anti-Communist movement without too much preparation and at a time when such an attitude was not too popular. Actually, the Democrats were in power and he had no means for direct senatorial intervention in the investigations which others were managing. He could only make speeches. His charges against personalities in the State Department attracted controversial attention and the Tydings Committee was appointed to investigate McCarthy's charges.

The Tydings hearings proved to be a whitewash and McCarthy became a national figure. Had Senator Tydings and his counsel done such a job as the McCarran Committee ultimately did in the investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Tydings and not McCarthy might have been the hero of the anti-Communist fight.

A less pugnacious personality might have given up after the Tydings whitewash. McCarthy set out to dig into the facts. Few public men have equal stamina to keep an unpopular fight going. It was Joe McCarthy who dug out the Institute of Pacific Relations material which has been a treasure trove in the quest for subversives. This data was

ing has never been plentiful. This would be the perfect period to balloon-drop friendship messages attached to anything—from pins and needles to tea and biscuits.

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It is impossible for any man to know what is in the heart of another. Nevertheless, I am sure that McCarthy is loyal to his party, loyal to President Eisenhower and that he is not a candidate for the presidency. He maintains the right of a senator to speak his mind when he feels it necessary, even if it indicates disagreement with his own party or the President. Borah did just that during the entire Hoover administration and was regarded as a great liberal. Such disagreement McCarthy finds within his rights and he is surprised that anyone should be annoyed with him for it. He does not believe that it is the American way for the Congress to goose-step.

But such a concept of his function as a senator does not make him an opponent of the President or a maverick like Wayne Morse. Generally Joe McCarthy is likely to prove regular, except on two matters, namely, subversives and the China policy. In these two matters, he will pursue a course of uncompromising patriotism without regard to expediency.

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Old Germans Score 4th Win; Detroit Retains FL Crown

Locals Defeat Colored Quint By 71-52 Score

417 Fans Witness Debacle; Bell, Pence Star Against Trotters

Bob Pence and Lou Bell racked up 35 points between them as they led the Cumberland Old Germans to an easy 71-52 triumph over the Kansas City Trotters here at SS. Peter and Paul gym last night.

Bell poured 18 points through the nets and Pence garnered 17 as the Germans took an early lead over the colored quint and never were in trouble.

Kansas City seemed to have difficulty in connecting with its shots in the first half, scoring only six points in a very dull first quarter. The Germans led 33-16 at halftime before the Trotters began to resemble a ball club.

Having lost earlier in Hagers-town the Kansas City team worked the ball very poorly and only the shooting of Fred King, who scored 17 points, and Bill Newman, who tallied 16, kept the game from being a complete farce. Newman gathered 14 of his points in the second half.

The unfortunate part of the game was the fact the two teams played before the largest crowd of the season, 417 paid admissions, 241 students and 176 adults.

Next week the Old Germans will host the Detroit Eagles, game time 9 p. m. The lineups:

Kansas City	G	F	P	Pt.
King, F.	17	2	1	32
Newman, F.	16	2	1	32
Brown, C.	1	1	2	3
Adams, F.	6	1	2	12
Mincey, F.	2	2	4	6
Davis, F.	0	0	2	0
Rory, F.	2	2	3	6
Walters, F.	1	1	2	2
Chambers, F.	0	2	2	2
Totals	16	20	33	52

Old Germans	G	F	P	Pt.
Pence, F.	7	3	3	17
McGregor, F.	6	1	2	12
Fahy, C.	5	1	2	11
Geatz, F.	5	0	2	10
Bell, F.	18	2	2	38
McGregor, F.	6	3	3	18
Everson, F.	0	0	2	0
Totals	26	19	22	71

Score by periods:
KANSAS CITY..... 6 16 34 32
OLD GERMAN..... 12 30 35 71
Officials—Stanislavsky and Roby.

Basketball Records

SCHOOL	W	L	Pt.	OP.	Pt.
Shepherd	3	2	313	352	690
Frostburg Teachers	0	4	237	297	58
Potomac State	0	6	437	503	696

SCHOLASTIC	W	L	Pt.	OP.	Pt.
Edmond	4	0	326	173	1,060
Brace	4	0	285	133	1,006
Allegany	4	0	285	133	1,006
Adams	3	1	182	129	1,060
Franklin	3	0	182	149	690
Howard	2	0	80	1,090	1,006
Fort Hill	4	1	269	234	800
West Va. Deaf	3	1	205	185	750
Beall	3	1	219	227	750
Davis	3	1	234	220	750
LaSalle	3	1	229	206	750
Petersburg	3	1	223	191	750
Fort Ashby	4	2	323	319	670
Keyser	2	1	132	142	667
Moorefield	3	2	328	241	660
Thomas	3	2	311	202	660
Mathias	3	2	296	212	500
Hyndman	4	3	367	324	500
Green Bank	4	3	377	415	429
Circleville	2	2	171	185	400
Hagerstown	2	2	206	212	500
Northern	4	3	377	415	429
Ridgely	3	2	229	241	660
Hagerstown	2	3	199	206	400
Bavard	2	3	249	249	400
Valley	2	2	289	116	333
South	2	2	268	298	333
Elk Garden	1	5	215	299	167
Carver	0	4	145	258	000
Wardensville	0	4	145	258	000
Capon Bridge	0	5	181	339	000

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Mathias	1	3	210	243
Circleville	0	1	33	63
Wardensville	0	3	112	211
	0	2	124	221

Keeping Up With Hollywood

by Louella Parsons

HOLLYWOOD (INS) — All of a sudden, Debra Paget, who yesterday was a little girl, has grown up. She's so hot in "Princess of the Nile" that Leonard Goldstein says she fairly burns up the asbestos.

Now he's giving her the role of the glamorous French Creole in "Gambler of Natchez," with Dale Robertson as her co-star. Henry Levine is directing and Robert Jacks is at the production helm.

The story, of course, as you can tell by the title, deals with the Mississippi River and the old boats where the gamblers flourished.

Dale doesn't seem to take it very much to heart that he was voted "least cooperative" by the press girls. Maybe the fact that he was compared to the "king," Clark Gable, I mean, went a little to his head.

Betty Grable should be happy with the director Harry Cohn just signed for "The Pleasure's All Mine"—Henry C. Potter.

Hank has been absent from Hollywood several years, but I can tell Betty, Marge and Gower Champion and others of this cast that I saw the latest stage play he directed in New York, "Sabrina Fair," with Margaret Sullivan and Joe Cotten—and it's just great.

If I get around to all the Christmas parties I'll have to buy myself a bicycle. I have never seen

Hollywood as gay—surprising, too, because many of our people are out of town.

New Year's Eve there's Harriet Parsons' party; Pola Negri's dinner, Claire Trevor and Milton Bren's engagement party for young Peter Bren; the Mervyn Leroy's entertain tonight for Dolores and Jorge Guinle.

Saturday night there was a dinner at Chasen's honoring Jimmy Woolf. I stopped by Maureen O'Sullivan Farrow's for a cup of tea with British Consul Robert Hadow.

Then there's John Wayne's gay nineties costume party Tuesday. Or Wednesday there's the Ann Rutherford-Bill Dozier party. Mind you, these are only a few on the social calendar.

There has been much said about Marilyn Monroe being married to Joe DiMaggio. Apparently, she is not already married to the former Yankee baseball star, although most of us thought she was secretly wed to him. But I can tell you that early in 1954 the glamour girl, who has been the hottest copy of any star, will marry Joe.

She is giving up her apartment and they are looking for a house, so it won't be long before she becomes Mrs. DiMaggio. Marilyn is spending Christmas with Joe's family in San Francisco, and they have taken her right into their hearts.

Snapshots of Hollywood collected at random: Don't be surprised if Mitzie Gaynor and Jack Bean get married the first of the month. They are very busy furnishing a house.

The escort of Maria Cinsternas at the opening of "Knights of the Round Table" was Roger Marchetti. She's quite a pretty girl, but obviously older than young Harold Lloyd Jr. to whom she was engaged.

Director Charles Vidor, who was in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital last week, because of kidney stones, faces the possibility of going back into the hospital for surgery.

Webb Overlander, John Wayne's "good luck" make-up man, was described as in only fair condition today in Valley Hospital. He's been with John for 20 years.

On their wedding anniversary, Jean Simmons telephoned Stewart Granger in England to tell him she'd lost pounds because she can't cook. He does all the cooking for her when he's home. Wonderful to have a cook in the family.

Hedy Lamarr's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Kisdler, was as surprised as anyone about Hedy's marriage plans. Hedy forgot to tell her mother.

Someone asked Herman Hovver who is producing the Gabor sisters act in Las Vegas, if he were having any trouble with the temperamental sisters. "Oh, no," said Herman. "We're just chartering three separate planes to fly them to the Last Frontier."

That's all today. See you tomorrow!



Put the accent on youthfulness and an attractive figure by eradicating any suggestion of "swayback."

Secrets Of Charm

by John Robert Powers

Asks one reader, "Can you tell me how to get rid of swayback? That deep curve in my back at the waistline makes my ribs stick out and my buttocks protrude."

Asks another, "At forty-five am I too old to correct an 'S' curve in my back?"

Lordosis or swayback is actually a posture fault and it is never too late for a woman to improve her posture. In fact, posture monitoring is a daily necessity all through life. Without it, your figure is sure to get out of line, and though your proportions are lovely, they will not appear so. You will look heavier than you are; your clothes will fall in unattractive lines, and worse still, you will look far older.

Corrective Routines

Every stretching and limbering exercise featured in this column is an aid to posture and therefore an aid to eradication of the unwanted back waistline curve. In addition to such exercises, here are some special correctives:

1. Lie on the floor on your back. Bring your feet up as close to your buttocks as possible, keeping your feet flat and knees together. Relax completely. Now raise just the lower end of your spine about a half or one inch above the floor while the rest of your spine remains flat. Hold this position as long as you can. Then relax. Raise again and hold. Relax. Gradually increase your holding time until you can remain in that position for a slow count of ten.

2. In the same starting position, to achieve grace of the highest degree — to make yours the posture ideal — to improve stance, figure, health and the appearance of your clothes as well, read the informative, easy-to-follow booklet "YOUR POSTURE." For a copy write to: Secrets of Charm in care of this paper, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope and 10c in coin to help cover cost. Protected 1953 by John F. Dille Co.

at shoulders, press your back against the floor so you are sure there is no space along your entire spine. Now, gradually slide your arms up overhead, never allowing them to leave the floor. Stretch your head up and press your neck against the floor at the same time. If at any time you feel your spine arching or leaving the floor at any point, start over.

Carriage Counts

3. In the same starting position, with your spine pressed flat, slowly push your feet down, two or three inches at a time until your legs are finally stretched out and your heels are touching the floor with your feet pointing ahead as much as possible. Again, at no time must the spine be allowed to arch and pull up. The moment it does, start over.

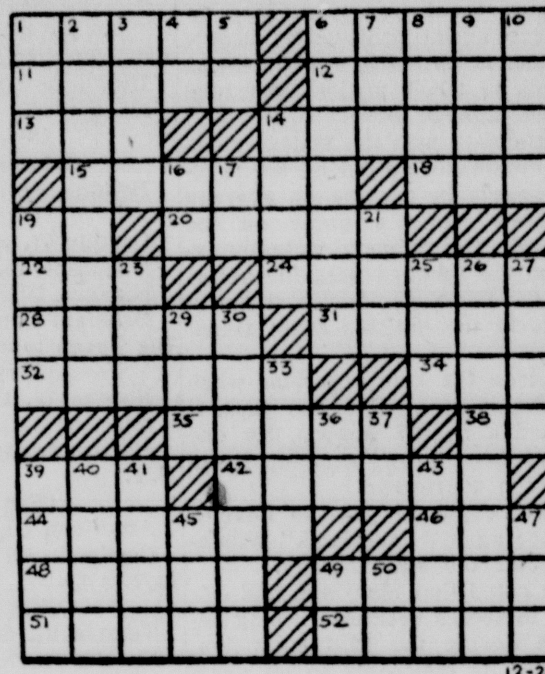
About three of each of the above are enough at the outset. Gradually build up to ten each per day.

And use this guide to check your posture over and over and over during the day whenever you are walking or standing: Knees relaxed, pelvis tilted so buttocks are pulled down and under your torso, waist pulled up out of hips, chest

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Skillful
6. River (Fr.)
11. Misrepresentation
12. Anxious
13. Entire amount
14. American social worker
15. Seek ambitiously
18. Witty saying
19. Exclamation
20. Frequently
22. Poke
24. Stings
28. Plant of the arum family
31. Extra
32. Glue again
34. Skin tumor
35. Propel
38. Advertisement
39. Perform
42. The blister beetle
44. Hobgoblin (Scot.)
46. Fresh
48. Unbind
49. Mother-of-pearl
51. Abounds
52. Rub out

DOWN
1. Arab's garment
2. River (East. U. S.)
3. Old measures of length
4. Greek letter
5. Tellurium (sym.)
6. Rescues
7. Owned
8. System of writing
9. Irish alphabet
10. Formerly (archaic)
14. Branch of learning
16. River (It.)
17. Whether
19. Partly open
21. Short sleep
23. Marsh
25. Uncooked
26. Walkers
27. Dispatch
29. River (Asia)
30. Counterefforts
33. Fencing sword
36. Elevated train
37. Behold!
39. Touch end to end
40. Shell for ice cream
41. Carry
43. Indian (Peru)
45. Obscure
47. Tiny
49. Northeast (abbr.)
50. Land-measure



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A N Y D L B A A N R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simple stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

L P Z R N U . . J N Z C O N O B C H Q N U C T S
D Q P L R V N H B R N K T P R E T C D K O P .
O L N R — F N R V N R .

Saturday's Cryptogram: HAPPY THE MAN WHOSE WISH AND CARE A FEW PATERNAL ACRES BOUND—POPE.

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pulled up out of waist, neck pulled up out of chest, shoulders relaxed. When you get so that you always carry your body in this fashion, you'll find no unwanted curve in your back.

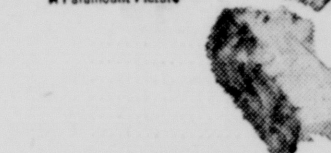
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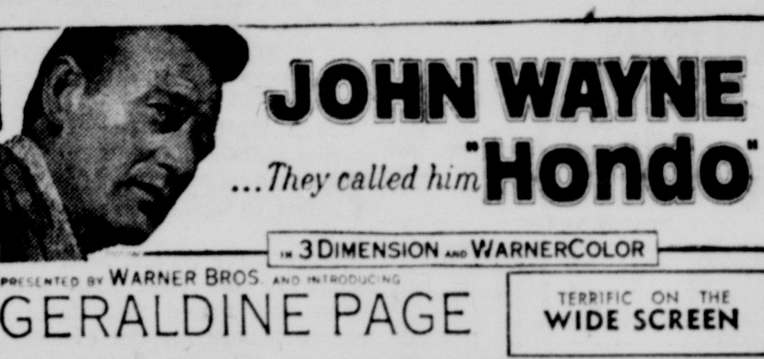
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Radio And Television

by John Crosby

The Children's Hour Again

"Dear Mr. Crosby:
"My class and I get the Herald Tribune in school. We read your column faithfully every day because we are studying types of sarcasm and that's what you write about. I am in the sixth grade and just started reading the newspaper."
"Yours truly
"ILENE JAFFE

Dear Ilene:
Gee, schools must have changed a lot since I was a boy. I don't recall ever having taken sarcasm, certainly not in sixth grade. Are you sure you're ready for it? And what do you take next year—irony?

For your senior year, I might suggest a good thorough-going course in invective. You'll need it in later life at least as much as you need sarcasm. Sarcasm, at best, deals just a glancing blow. Invective is the straight punch in the nose. A dying art, the days of the first Queen Elizabeth. I deplore the rising tide of pragmatism in the public schools but I must confess a sneaking admiration for a school which arms its young ladies with a thorough knowledge of the uses of sarcasm. Nothing like a withering blast of the stuff to protect a girl from the trespasses of over-ardent young men. Comes in very handy with truckdrivers, too, when they question—as they sometimes do—the right of the female to drive a car.

And after you get married, you'll find this particular study will come in very handy when your husband stumbles home from an office

party at 2 a. m. Of course, wives have always been pretty expert at this line of work even without any prior training from the schools. But your sarcasm, I assume, will be more pointed and crisp and have a higher literary merit than those of ordinary wives who haven't been educated in the subject.

I'm not at all sure, though, that the contemporary newspapers are the most fruitful sources of inquiry, Ilene. You should go back to the early masters—Beerbohm Tree, Ring Lardner, Samuel Johnson, and—conceivably the greatest of them all—Wilson Mizner.

With that crew you should get straight A's, not only in school but for the rest of your life.
Happy New Year.
JOHN CROSBY

Speaking of youth, the Youth Research Institute has crowded that, while it was virtually impossible to capture the mind of a child of five until recent times, television has now made it easy. "A child of five attentively watching his TV set becomes aware of a large variety of merchandise and even remembers their brand names," says Youth Research Institute. Prior to the recent popularity of television, advertisers could not reach young people.

"It is important that the advertiser not abuse this new, found bridge between himself and children. Many sales are made by the indirect method of convincing the youngsters who in turn persuade their parents."

They sure are! The world is driven berserk by small fry insisting that the gum be Roy Rogers brand or that the cereal be Hoppy's cereal (or whatever he's advertising now.)

The impressionability of children is not to be taken lightly and those of you who have suffered from it will be vastly entertained to hear that it sometimes backfires. In Springfield, Ill., an announcer named John Begue, while delivering a television commercial, took a knife and ripped apart two mattresses to reveal the interior foam padding. At his home, young son Johnny, carefully following Daddy's instructions on TV, ripped open two of the Begue family's mattresses.

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A.M.	WTBO 1450 EO	WUCM 1490 EG	WDYE 1230 EO
6:00	News, Musical Clock	Sign On News	Almanac
6:15	"	Sundial	"
6:30	"	News, Sundial	"
6:45	"	Sundial (CBS)	"
7:00	News	News, Sundial	"
7:15	Musical Clock	Sundial	"
7:30	Your News Reporter	News, Sundial	"
7:45	Musical Clock	"	"
8:00	World News (NBC)	World News (CBS)	Centre Street Special
8:15	Musical Clock	"	"
8:30	Sports	"	"
8:45	Morning Meditations	"	B. Crocker; G. Heatter
9:00	News, Coffee Time	News of America (CBS)	Breakfast Club (ABC)
9:15	Cumb. Merry Go Round	Festival of Walizes	"
9:30	Bob Hope (NBC)	Brighter Day (CBS)	"
9:45	Break The Bank (NBC)	Meleides	"
10:00	Welcome Travelers (NBC)	Arthur, Godfrey (CBS)	Hospital Hour
10:15	Bob Hope (NBC)	"	"
10:30	Break The Bank (NBC)	"	"
10:45	"	"	"
11:00	Strike It Rich	Arthur, Godfrey (CBS)	Hospital Hour
11:15	The Phrase That Pays	Susan Smith Musicale	"
11:30	Second Chance (NBC)	Rosemary (CBS)	"
11:45	"	"	"
AFTERNOON PROGRAMS			
12:00	News, Music at Mid-Day	Noon News Roundup	Curt Massey (MBS)
12:15	Mid-day News	Perry Mason (CBS)	"
12:30	The Bandstand	Heaven Trent (CBS)	Bill Ring
12:45	"	Our Gail Sunday (CBS)	Redtoppers
1:00	"	Road of Life (CBS)	Paul Harvey
1:15	"	Ma Perkins (CBS)	Ted Malone
1:30	Lorenzo Jones (NBC)	Susan Smith Time	Queen for a Day (MBS)
1:45	It Pays To Be Married	The Guiding Light (CBS)	"
2:00	Heaven Trent (NBC)	News, Melody Ballroom	Hour of Stars
2:15	Afternoon Matinee	Melody Ballroom	"
2:30	"	"	"
2:45	"	"	"
3:00	Road of Life (NBC)	News, Melody Ballroom	Jack's Place (ABC)
3:15	Right to Happiness (NBC)	Houseparty (CBS)	"
3:30	Life Can Be B'ful (NBC)	"	"
3:45	Pepper Young (NBC)	Wizard of Odds (CBS)	"
4:00	Backstage Wife (NBC)	Good Music Hour	Ladies Fair (MBS)
4:15	Stella Dallas (NBC)	"	"
4:30	Widder Brown (NBC)	Music for Christmas (ABC)	"
4:45	Woman in House (NBC)	Good Music Hour: News	"
5:00	News, 5 O'clock Show	Melody Ballroom	Big John & Sparkie
5:15	"	"	Childrens Program
5:30	Willis Creek Hoedown	Here's To Veterans	Keynote Ranch (MBS)
5:45	"	"	"
EVENING PROGRAMS			
6:00	Your News Reporter	News	News
6:15	Dick Haynes	Sports Roundup	Sports Spotlight
6:30	Sports (NBC)	Old Timer's Club	Bill Sierra
6:45	Army Band	Lowell Thomas	Lum & Abner
7:00	Alex Dreier (NBC)	Family Skeleton (CBS)	Fulton Lewis, Jr.
7:15	David Rose	Frank Parker Show	Three Suns
7:30	Morgan Beatty (NBC)	Orange Bowl Ptv. (CBS)	Gab. Heatter (MBS)
7:45	One Man's Family (NBC)	Ed Murrow & News (CBS)	T. Moody; Lee Griffith
8:00	Railroad Hour (NBC)	Suspense (CBS)	Henry J. Taylor
8:15	"	"	Sammy Kaye
8:30	Barlow Orchestra	To be announced	Counter Spy
8:45	"	"	"
9:00	Telephone Hour	Radio Theatre (CBS)	Celebrity Table (ABC)
9:15	"	"	"
9:30	Andre Kostelanetz	"	"
9:45	"	"	"
10:00	Fibber McGee & Molly	Camel Caravan (CBS)	News
10:15	Can You Top This	"	The Groove Yard
10:30	News & Sports	"	Boxing
10:45	Hour of Dreams	News, Pastor's Study	"
11:00	"	"	"
11:15	Morgan Beatty (NBC)	News & Analysis (CBS)	Mike Malloy
11:30	Sign Off	Irving Fields Trio (CBS)	The Falcon
11:45	"	Sign Off	"
12:00	"	"	Music For Dreaming
			News, 12:05 Sign Off

Television Today

STATION WJAC (Johnstown, Channel 6)	STATION WUCM (Cumberland, Cable 6)	STATION WTTO (Washington, Channel 8)	STATION WTOP (Washington, Channel 9)
7:00 Today	7:00 Today	7:00—Music Shop	7:00—Music Shop
9:00—Bride & Groom	9:00—Bride & Groom	7:30—Valiant Lady	7:30—Valiant Lady
9:15—Faith for Today	9:15—Faith for Today	8:00—Meet Your Neighbor	8:00—Meet Your Neighbor
9:30—News	9:30—News	8:30—The Big Pay Off	8:30—The Big Pay Off
10:00—Duke Dong School	10:00—Duke Dong School	9:00—Paul Dixon Show	9:00—Paul Dixon Show
10:30—Glamour Girl	10:30—Glamour Girl	9:30—House Party	9:30—House Party
11:00—Hawkins Falls	11:00—Hawkins Falls	10:00—Candid Camera	10:00—Candid Camera
11:15—The Benjamins	11:15—The Benjamins	10:30—Wild Bill Hickok	10:30—Wild Bill Hickok
11:30—Strike It Rich	11:30—Strike It Rich	11:00—Hoop & Lasso	11:00—Hoop & Lasso
12:00—Valiant Lady	12:00—Valiant Lady	11:30—Hoop & Lasso	11:30—Hoop & Lasso
12:15—Love of Life	12:15—Love of Life	12:00—Hoop & Lasso	12:00—Hoop & Lasso
12:30—Search for Tomorrow	12:30—Search for Tomorrow	12:30—Hoop & Lasso	12:30—Hoop & Lasso
1:00—What You Eat	1:00—What You Eat	1:00—Hoop & Lasso	1:00—Hoop & Lasso
1:15—Mattinee Melodies	1:15—Mattinee Melodies	1:30—Hoop & Lasso	1:30—Hoop & Lasso
1:30—Garry Moore	1:30—Garry Moore	2:00—Hoop & Lasso	2:00—Hoop & Lasso
2:00—Double or Nothing	2:00—Double or Nothing	2:30—Hoop & Lasso	2:30—Hoop & Lasso
2:30—House Party	2:30—House Party	3:00—Hoop & Lasso	3:00—Hoop & Lasso
2:45—Movie Quiz	2:45—Movie Quiz	3:30—Hoop & Lasso	3:30—Hoop & Lasso
3:00—The Big Pay Off	3:00—The Big Pay Off	4:00—Hoop & Lasso	4:00—Hoop & Lasso
3:30—Kate Smith	3:30—Kate Smith	4:30—Hoop & Lasso	4:30—Hoop & Lasso
4:00—Welcome Travelers	4:00—Welcome Travelers	5:00—Hoop & Lasso	5:00—Hoop & Lasso
4:30—On Your Account	4:30—On Your Account	5:30—Hoop & Lasso	5:30—Hoop & Lasso
5:00—Superman	5:00—Superman	6:00—Hoop & Lasso	6:00—Hoop & Lasso
5:30—Howdy Doody	5:30—Howdy Doody	6:30—Hoop & Lasso	6:30—Hoop & Lasso
6:00—Music Time	6:00—Music Time	7:00—Hoop & Lasso	7:00—Hoop & Lasso
6:15—News	6:15—News	7:30—Hoop & Lasso	7:30—Hoop & Lasso
6:30—Mr. Peepers	6:30—Mr. Peepers	8:00—Hoop & Lasso	8:00—Hoop & Lasso
7:00—News in Review	7:00—News in Review	8:30—Hoop & Lasso	8:30—Hoop & Lasso
7:15—Greatest Drama	7:15—Greatest Drama	9:00—Hoop & Lasso	9:00—Hoop & Lasso
7:30—USA Cartoons	7:30—USA Cartoons	9:30—Hoop & Lasso	9:30—Hoop & Lasso
7:45—News Caravan	7:45—News Caravan	10:00—Hoop & Lasso	10:00—Hoop & Lasso
8:00—Name That Tune	8:00—Name That Tune	10:30—Hoop & Lasso	10:30—Hoop & Lasso
8:15—Voice of Firestone	8:15—Voice of Firestone	11:00—Hoop & Lasso	11:00—Hoop & Lasso
8:30—Death Valley Days	8:30—Death Valley Days	11:30—Hoop & Lasso	11:30—Hoop & Lasso
9:00—Robt. Montgomery	9:00—Robt. Montgomery	12:00—Hoop & Lasso	12:00—Hoop & Lasso
9:15—Who Said That	9:15—Who Said That		
9:30—Man Against Crime	9:30—Man Against Crime		
10:00—Dollar A Second	10:00—Dollar A Second		
10:30—Big Picture	10:30—Big Picture		
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Weekend Winds Cause Woodland Fires In Area

Fighters Save Homes From Spreading Blaze

A sudden high wind which swept the Cumberland area over the holiday weekend kept area forest fighters busy battling field and woodland blazes.

A hard-to-fight forest fire on a steep slope between Corriganville and Mt. Savage along State Route 36 was still being patrolled last night, as were other smoldering fires which were reported under control yesterday.

District Forester William H. Johnson said about 50 acres of woodland was burned in the blaze near Corriganville which started Christmas Day. Johnson blamed the fire on carelessness by pedestrians or motorists using the highway.

Leaves Catch Fire

He pointed out that fallen leaves usually slide down the steep mountain and pile up near the highway. A carelessly tossed match or cigarette apparently ignited the leaves and got the fire under way.

Corriganville Volunteer Fire Company was called out twice on Friday and again yesterday to fight the blaze. Firemen and forest crews were able to get the blaze under control before it reached several homes in its path.

Johnson said the fire was hard to fight because of the steep slope and because of lack of water toward the top of the hill. Crewmen were able to form a fireline around the blaze, confining the flames within that area.

Also on Christmas Day, Corriganville firemen extinguished a grass blaze near the home of Earl Clites. Although the Clites home was endangered, firemen were able to stop the fire before any damage was done.

Another fire started near Brant Road at Cresaptown after a spark was fanned into flames about 6 p. m. on Christmas Day. Members of Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Company and forest fire fighters were able to bring the blaze under control after it had burned 12 to 15 acres.

Johnson said the field fire came close to damaging the Elliott log cabin type home, but it was checked after a chicken coop near the house had caught fire. No serious damage resulted.

Home Is Saved

In the Cash Valley section, another woodland fire began after a hunter had apparently set fire to a hollow tree in order to smoke out his game. Because the fire was reported early, Forest Warden Henry Ford and his crew were able to check the blaze after only about one-fourth of an acre had been burned.

About three acres of forest was destroyed by fire yesterday in the South Mountain area. Authorities said the fire apparently had been started by hikers.

In Frederick County, another three acres of forest was burned before firemen brought the fire under control. The blaze, near Knoxville, was believed to have been started by a spark from a Western Maryland Railway locomotive.

Nearby West Virginia also got its quota of fires Saturday, according to Forester Tilden Norris of Romney.

300 Acres Burned

The largest fire was reported in woodlands along the Western Maryland Railway line near Magnolia, where at least 300 acres of forest had been burned by last night. Norris said the fire was well under way before authorities were notified. The area is in an isolated section of Morgan County with no roads leading to it.

The blaze began about 3 p. m. Saturday and was believed to have been started by a spark from a passing locomotive. Firemen were still fighting the blaze and patrolling the area late last night.

Two other fires started in Hampshire County Saturday and were aided by swift winds. One, a two-acre fire about a mile south of Pleasantville, was believed to have been started by a spark from a chick brooder house.

The other, two miles west of Paw Paw, destroyed about three acres of woodlands, after it had been started by a spark from a smoldering sawdust pile which had been burning for three weeks. Saturday's high winds fanned the spark into flame, Norris said.

The only other fire reported was a small blaze in a Berkeley County forest near Hedgesville. Norris said all of the fires were under control last night.

News In Brief

Mrs. Z. H. Habel, LaVale, was admitted to Memorial Hospital yesterday.

Sixth District Representative DeWitt S. Hyde will address the Cumberland Kiwanis Club Thursday at the noon luncheon meeting in Central YMCA.

Carol O. Kneisley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kneisley, Bedford Road, a freshman at Washington College, Chestertown, has been pledged to the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Ace Humbertson, retired railroad freight conductor who has been a surgical patient in Sacred Heart Hospital, returned to his home at 30 Cresap Drive, Bowling Green.

Joseph M. Steger, assistant Allegheny County farm agent, will speak at the meeting of the Cumberland Rotary Club tomorrow at Central YMCA at the weekly luncheon. Steger will discuss agricultural activities of 4-H Clubs.

BEFORE



AFTER



Christmas Mail Delivery: "A Job Well Done"

The tremendous job of delivering mail during the Christmas season each year means extra effort for postal workers, and this year postal employees went all out. They did such a good job that the Post Office Department sent out a special note of commendation. Typical of offices all over the country, the Cumberland Post Office handled a greater volume of mail than ever before and at less cost. This was done through the new

plan of hiring less extra help and paying employees for more overtime. The above before-and-after photos show the rush of mail that arrived here just before Christmas; the second picture shows Alfred L. Sidaway, clerk, carrying out the last batch at noon December 24. Shown in the photo at left are (left to right) Lance Stotler, William McLuckie, H. Mellotte, temporaries, and James A. Brown, carrier, who was in charge of the group. All

mail that had arrived here by noon on Christmas Eve was delivered, and to expedite deliveries to other cities, the local Post Office even sent letters, including three-cent mail, to nearby cities by airplane. Local postal officials said that only through the extra effort and spirit of good will of the employees was the "impossible" achieved. Special thanks was directed to the rural carriers, who, although they were not compensated for extra hours, gave many hours of overtime to the Christmas rush job.

Dedication Of St. Conrad's Friary Planned January 6

St. Conrad's Friary, the novitiate of the St. Augustine Province of the Order of Friars Minor, Capuchin, located on Winchester Road, Annapolis, will be dedicated on January 6.

Bishop John M. McNamara, auxiliary to the Archbishop of Washington, will officiate at the ceremony which will open with a Pontifical Mass at 10 a. m.

The friary was opened by the province in the fall of 1950. A number of improvements, including a newly constructed chapel, have been made.

St. Conrad's, located on the former "Chimneys" estate, is continuing the work of training priests for the order which was begun here in 1875, when the Capuchin Fathers came to Cumberland and located in St. Peter and Paul Monastery.

From 1875 to 1903, the schools of theology and philosophy were located here. In 1903, the philosophy school was moved to Hayes, Kansas. Since 1931, theology training has been provided in Catholic University, Washington.

The local monastery, however, served as the novitiate of the province until 1951, when the new facilities were provided in Annapolis.

The historic monastery still serves as a training center for the order. For several years, the Capuchins have been using the local facilities as the Capuchin Brothers Training Center, where Brothers are trained in their spiritual and manual duties.

South End was called to the 500-block of Memorial Avenue at 1:06 p. m. Saturday and a grass fire was extinguished at the vacant lot. No damage was reported in either fire.

Cresap Society To Meet In N.Y.

The Cresap Society will hold its 1954 meeting in New York City, Ross Shaw, Oldtown, announced.

He said the meeting has been tentatively scheduled in June.

The highlight of the convention will be the rededication of the grave of Capt. Michael Cresap in Trinity Churchyard.

Shaw said plans also call for placing a new marble slab on the final resting place of the Revolutionary War hero.

Capt. Cresap was the youngest son of Col. Thomas Cresap, Western Maryland patriot and founder of Oldtown. He commanded one of the Maryland rifle companies in the Revolutionary War.

He died October 18, 1775, at the age of 33 and was buried with military honors in the graveyard of the historic church.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gower announce the birth of a son Friday in Frankfurt, Germany. The father, a former local attorney, is practicing law in Germany.

Sacred Heart Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larrick, RD 1, city, a son yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klipstein, Bowling Green, a son Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ware, RD 2, city, a daughter Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Myers, Lonaconing, a daughter Friday.

Memorial Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bolyard, 535 Yale Street, a daughter yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Morris, 522 Bedford Street, a son yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Johnson, RD 1, Flintstone, a daughter yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Painter, 306 Piedmont Avenue, a son yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Payne, Ridgeley, a son Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard R. Cagle, Bowman's Addition, a son Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tucker, Cresaptown, a son Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gates, 10 Cherry Place, a son Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, Frostburg, a daughter Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Redhead, 230 Glenn Street, a daughter Saturday.

Today Deadline For Changing Political Parties

Allegheny County voters who wish to change political affiliation in order to vote for candidates of another party in next year's state-wide primary election June 28 must make the change today.

State law provides that change of political affiliation cannot be accomplished within six months of a primary election. Only two voters changed parties in November and not many more have followed suit this month.

The office of the Board of Election Supervisors in the Court House basement will be open from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m. today as usual.

The Weather

Yesterday the weatherman gave the city a fine winter day and it was rather nippy outside. The sky was not cloudless as the temperature dropped to a cool 27 degrees. The official high temperature, according to Robert R. Golden, superintendent of Constitution Park, was 41 degrees and at 8 p. m. yesterday the mercury stood at the freezing point, 32 degrees. Humidity at 6 p. m. was 56 per cent. Forecast for today in the western portion of the state is rain tonight, probably beginning as rain or sleet.

UNOFFICIAL DOWNTOWN TEMPERATURES			
1 p. m.	42	7 p. m.	34
2 p. m.	43	8 p. m.	34
3 p. m.	42	9 p. m.	33
4 p. m.	43	10 p. m.	32
5 p. m.	42	11 p. m.	31
6 p. m.	38	Midnight	30

KC Plans Smoker

Cumberland Council 586, Knights of Columbus, will hold a smoker tomorrow at 9 p. m. in the council home on North Mechanic Street.

"The Milwaukee Story" and highlights of the Pittsburgh Steelers football games will be shown on film. Jim Browning is committee chairman and the smoker is open to members and friends.

Church Notices

Because of the New Year's Day holiday, church notices to be published on the regular church announcements page must be in the office of The Cumberland News not later than 11 p. m. Tuesday. Announcements received after that time cannot be published.

Today's Sermonette

Today's sermonette is a digest of the sermon preached yesterday at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church by the pastor, Rev. Frederick J. Eckert. The sermon digests are being prepared through the cooperation of the Cumberland Ministerial Association.

Fear Not

By REV. FREDERICK J. ECKERT

Not so long ago there appeared in one of our large newspapers an account of hundreds of sick people in one of our large cities. The people of that city were flocking to the health centers for anti-typhoid inoculations. As a precaution the drinking water was being boiled. What had happened? The report stated that a workman had inadvertently turned the wrong valve, allowing river water into the regular channels of fresh drinking water. Six million gallons of the untreated water had entered the pipes before the situation was discovered. This incident brings very forcefully to our minds the fact that in the long history of man something has entered in to pollute the blood stream of life. A clue to that pollution is to be found in the story of Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis. Then later there is the record in the Old Testament of an attempt to cleanse this blood stream by mere water, but unfortunately the pollution reappeared. So in the Providential Mind there was devised the plan of a living, personal Saviour as the way to cleanse the stream of human life.

Thus we find in the Christmas story some humble shepherds receiving a stirring vision as they were tending their flock by night: "And lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

It is evident that fear and sin have entered the blood stream of life and God saw that only good will and love should bring about a purification.

The words "fear not" backed by the Eternal God brings us to the heart of Christianity. It is not only

"fear not," it follows that good tidings of great joy shall be given to all peoples. And those good tidings involve a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord, and it is well to take particular note that this Saviour is not abstract, but Living and Personal.

In addition to the urgency of the removal of the fears of men what more is needed than a Saviour? We are in need of redemption. We are in need of right relations: With ourselves, with others, with God. This is the plan behind Christmas, and that is why Christmas is eternal. This Christ, the Redeemer of mankind is not only a personal Redeemer. He is the only One who can cleanse the blood stream of society. The Christmas season brings very forcibly to our hearts that man must be reborn to a higher level.

We have but one hope today! That hope lies in our turning to God through Christ for spiritual cleansing and renewal. We must turn to Christ, the Babe of Bethlehem for Peace within.

For abiding peace cannot be man-made. He labors in vain who blindly strives in that direction. War is the ultimate in passion. To the victor will ever go the spoils, not by right but by might. The passion that drives the war-machine must ever be the same passion that dictates the terms of peace.

Armistice is human. Peace is divine. Armistice issues from the conference table, Peace from a manger. Armistice brings joy to the victorious only. Peace showers joy on all. Armistice costs the lives of millions. Peace cost the life of One. And that price, being once paid, is paid to all eternity while the cost of armistice is as recurrent and on an ever increasing scale as the devil-inspired animosities of men. Little is more faithful than Armistice, nothing more faithful than Peace. And Peace? What Peace? What do we have to do to secure it? Nothing more than to reach out our heart to the manger in Bethlehem.

Army Reserve Units Receive New Equipment

Huge 4.2-Inch Mortar Included

Units of the local Army Reserve have received some new equipment here this month for training purposes, it was announced yesterday by Major Grant E. Hoover, unit advisor.

Among the pieces is one of the largest types of mortar ever brought into this area by the military. It is the 4.2-inch mortar assigned to the Heavy Mortar Company, 319th Infantry Regiment.

The piece fires shells 4.2 inches in diameter which are high-explosive or chemical projectiles. Weighing close to 900 pounds, the mortar can be dismantled and has handles for quick mobility during combat.

Officers said the weapon is too large to fire in any training area here, but it will be used for practice in the Armory, minus shells, and will be fired during summer training at one of the Army's military camps.

Machine Gun Sent Here

Also assigned to the Heavy Mortar Company is a new .50 calibre machine gun with an anti-aircraft mount. This will also be used by local unit members in their training periods.

The local units got their first Army truck this month, and it was received by Major Ace H. Humbertson, commanding officer of the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 398th Ordnance Battalion.

It is a two-and-a-half ton Army truck, completely new and equipped with a power winch.

Also installed for the members of all of the units were 70 wall lockers, officers added.

The Heavy Mortar Company here is a part of the 319th Infantry Regiment, which has headquarters in Baltimore and which had two Congressional Medal of Honor winners in World War II. It is also part of the 810th Infantry Division, the Army Reserve organization for Maryland, which is the famous Blue Ridge Division of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

Eight Men Enlist

The Army Reserve also announced eight enlistments. Enlistees and units to which they were assigned follow:

Pvt. John M. Dickinson of Lonaconing, a member of the ROTC at Potomac State College, Keyser, enlisted for eight years and was assigned to the 372d Military Police Company (Guard); Pvt. David M. Cameron, of Lonaconing, enlisted for eight years and was assigned with the 372d Military Police Company.

Assigned to the 729th Army Postal Unit were Cpl. Lawrence E. Dressman of LaVale, who re-enlisted for five years, and Cpl. Theodore W. Gray of Cumberland, a former serviceman who enlisted for three years.

Signed to the Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 398th Ordnance Battalion, were Sgt. Walter F. Doulough, this city, recently discharged from active duty, who enlisted for three years; Cpl. Thomas Sluss, Frostburg, re-enlisted for five years, and Pfc. Frederick N. Bloom, this city, who enlisted for three years.

Cpl. Paul E. Myers, Frostburg, re-enlisted for five years and was assigned to the 941st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad.

Four-Year-Old Girl Hurt In Fall At Home

Christine Byrne, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne, Apartment 17-C, Jane Frazier Village, was admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital yesterday evening after she injured her left leg in a fall at her home.

Attaches said the young girl was jumping up to reach a clothes line in her back yard and fell. She was admitted for treatment and X-rays.

Payrolls High But 1953 Business Sets No Records

Although 1953 business in Cumberland was not as good as 1952, it still was not bad compared to other high-record years.

This was shown in a roundup business report of the Cumberland area for 1953 just issued by the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce.

Anthony Saell, manager of the Chamber, declared, "The fact that other previous records were not achieved in 1953 does not necessarily reflect on the soundness of Cumberland's economy."

"We cannot reasonably expect to set new records year after year," he declared. "Sooner or later, the economy must level off. As elsewhere in the country, it is happening now in Cumberland."

"Business has dipped, as it has in other parts of the country, and although it did not reach the volume of 1952, it still compares favorably with other good years."

Despite a last-quarter decline, generally reflected throughout the nation, the 1953 industrial payrolls for 17 major industries in Cumberland will be the sixth highest in the past 15 years, Chamber of Commerce figures revealed.

The 1953 total, with December figures estimated because reports will not be received until next month, will be about \$40,434,113. The December estimated pay is \$2,855,616.

This compares with \$41,616,647 in 1952, or a decrease of \$1,182,534. The year before last, with payrolls amounting to \$42,742,040, was the fourth highest total in the 15-year period. The record year was 1948, with \$51,332,209. Other high years were 1947, with \$49,341,648, and 1946, with \$44,087,372.

Low point in the 15-year record, Chamber figures showed, was the year 1939, with payrolls amounting to \$18,294,543. In 1940, as the war clouds began to gather, they jumped to \$21,510,727. And during the war years, payrolls climbed from \$26,049,391 in 1941 to \$37,266,347 at the end of the war in 1945.

From 1946 through 1948, in the years of the postwar boom, payrolls increased from \$44,087,372 to \$51,332,209. In 1949, they dropped to \$38,544,941, but in the next year, however, they jumped to \$40,352,896.

Employment in the 17 major industries here is estimated at 9,149 as of the end of 1953, a decline of 1,292 since the end of 1952. In 1951, the yearly average was 12,571.

These figures, however, do not tell the entire story of the economy. An estimated 2,000 persons are employed in the smaller industries of Cumberland, for which the Chamber has no payroll records.

An additional 3,000 persons are estimated as employed in the retail establishments of Cumberland, and 1,500 more in wholesale and service establishments, hotels and amusements. No current payroll figures are available, but the U. S. Census reports for 1950 showed \$6,057,000 for retail establishments, \$898,000 for service establishments, \$2,031,000 for wholesale establishments, \$237,000 for amusements and \$247,000 for hotels.

Retail business for 1953, though less than last year's, is nevertheless regarded as good, with an estimated total of \$57,000,000 to \$58,000,000. This compares with \$57,543,000 in 1950, \$59,786,000 in 1951 and \$60,670,000 in 1952, a record year.

Other records established in 1952 were bank deposits, \$318,387,000; bank deposits, \$338,948,919, and postal receipts, \$414,179.

A 1953 record was the \$612,182.50 paid out in Christmas Savings Club accounts by local banks.

Two Commemorative Stamps Due Soon

Two commemorative stamps will be issued by the Post Office Department soon.

The Gadsden Purchase stamp, marking the centenary of the Gadsden purchase of lands from Mexico, will be issued Wednesday in Tucson, Ariz. It is the last of the 1953 commemorative stamps.

The first 1954 commemorative will be a three-cent stamp honoring the 200th anniversary of Columbia University. It will be issued on January 4 in New York City.

Young Women Injured In Crash Improve

Miss Emma Jean Muir, 20, of Nikep, who was seriously injured in an auto accident early Thursday morning in which her brother, Clarence Leon Muir was killed, is reported "somewhat improved" at Miners Hospital, Frostburg.

Miss Mary Florence Shriver, another passenger in the car which collided with a Peoples Transit Company Bus underneath the tipple of the Hoffa Coal Company on Route 36 at Nikep, also was reported "improved."

Miss Muir has regained consciousness, according to attaches. She suffered a possible fractured skull, severe lacerations of the face and other injuries when she was thrown from the car.

Her brother, 24, home on a Christmas vacation, had been residing in Conneaut, Ohio, at the home of a sister, Mrs. Margaret Beeman and was employed in an Ohio plant. A funeral service for Muir was conducted Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Dohme, Moscow.

Rev. Joseph W. Young, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated, and interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Moscow. Muir was a son of the late Sampson and Charlotte (Beeman) Muir of Moscow.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1949 and was a veteran of the Korean conflict, in which he had been wounded twice. He received basic training in Kentucky and Georgia and was stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., before going overseas.

He was discharged from the service in September 1952.

Ten brothers and sisters who survive include Mrs. Charlotte Getson, Lonaconing; Mrs. Elizabeth Dohme, Moscow; Charles Sampson Muir, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Ellen Beeman and Mrs. Margaret Beeman, Conneaut; Mrs. Norma Getson, Conway, Pa.; James Muir, Charlestown, Lonaconing; Miss Emma Jean Muir and Michael Rae Muir, at the Dohme home, Moscow; and Sgt. Robert E. Muir, now stationed in Korea.

These included 92 new buildings estimated to cost \$696,455, and 71 additions and improvements costing another \$101,722.

The City Engineer's Office collected \$4,262.11 during the fiscal year on fees for building permits and sewage frontage.

Flintstone Youth Hurt In Mishap

Claude Duvall, 21, of Flintstone, is reported in good condition at Sacred Heart Hospital, where he was admitted Christmas morning suffering injuries sustained in an auto accident about five miles east of Cumberland on U. S. Route 40 along Martin's Mountain.

He suffered a possible skull fracture and head lacerations.

Driver of the auto which apparently got out of control as it failed to negotiate a curve and struck a barn, was listed as Harry Salem McClellan, 18, of 13 Deceatur Street. McClellan was treated at the hospital.

Trooper Joseph V. Stakem, of the Maryland State Police, said no charges were filed in the accident which occurred about 2:20 a. m. Friday.

Fier To Show Paintings

Victor Fier, local bank official and amateur artist, will stage a one-man showing of his paintings at the weekly luncheon-meeting of the Lions Club in the Green Room at Central YMCA Wednesday at 12:15 p. m.

A colored slide film, "Jesus Is Born," will be shown.

Also on the program will be Norma Grimes who will sing, "Cantique de Noel," accompanied by Miss Ida Stark, Mrs. John Stark and Mrs. John Miller will present a pantomime of Scripture readings. Mrs. H. Hall Sharp will give the prayer.

City Completes Many